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## Growing Unrest In China

### Authorities Taking Drastic Action

Hongkong, Nov. 24. The Chinese Communists are resorting to drastic measures to suppress growing unrest and regain popular support, according to reports here.

Peking Radio announced the execution of 17 persons in Shanghai and five in Peking as well as the imprisonment of 45 more on charges of sabotage, espionage and organising an anti-Red guerrilla force. The radio also disclosed anti-Red sentiment was spreading in the police force. Two of those shot were Shanghai police officers found guilty of harbouring saboteurs.

At the same time, the Reds, in an effort to regain waning popular support, announced the summary cancellation of all landlord debts owed by approximately 20,000,000 farmers. The edict, published in the Canton organ Namfong Daily News, affects all peasants in the "newly liberated areas"—areas occupied within the past 18 months—which covers most of the populous region of central and south China. The order affects only debts owed to landlords before arrival of the liberators.

### WAGE INCREASES

Shanghai newspapers reported the authorities are granting workers in all industries official wage increase because, it is claimed, business improved. But this claim was refuted by arrivals here.

The Sin Wen Daily News said the Shanghai General Labour Union—which is Government controlled—has notified its affiliates to undertake wage negotiations with employers designed to "offset losses resulting from the falling price of rice."

Industrial wages are based on a cost of living index consisting of a number of commodities of which the principal item is rice. Since the Government controls the rice price, this is obviously a deliberate move to increase wages.

At the same time, however, production is falling due to a shortage of raw cotton, which is Shanghai's principal industry.—United Press.

## US Proposal On Formosa

Washington, Nov. 24. The United States announced on Friday it has proposed that the fate of Formosa be determined by the Pacific Big Four powers—Russia, Great Britain, the United States and Nationalist China.

The American proposal was made in a circular memorandum to 12 countries that may play a part in writing the Japanese peace treaty.

The United States suggested that if the Big Four powers could not agree on Formosa's future, the United Nations General Assembly should decide what to do.

Russia promptly replied that the Calvo and Potosi agreements already have decided Formosa should be returned to China. The Russians challenged the United States to explain what it meant with its latest plan for Formosa.—United Press.

## Seven-Point Jap Peace Treaty Plan

Washington, Nov. 24. The United States has proposed to a dozen other governments a seven-point Japanese peace treaty plan.

It includes a proposal that America and "perhaps other forces" assume post-treaty responsibility for Japanese Security, the State Department revealed today.

The secret memorandum was published after the Moscow press published an exchange between the United States and the Soviet Union on the proposed treaty.

The Department also released a memorandum from Moscow which raised the question of whether the United States intended to go ahead with a Japanese peace treaty without Russia. If the Soviet refused to accept the American plan.

The memorandum said that should Britain, Russia, China and the United States fail to agree on Formosa within a year after the peace treaty came into effect, the United Nations General Assembly should decide what to do with Formosa.—Reuter.

Tokyo, Nov. 25. United Nations forces, in a massive offensive to end the Korean conflict, drove three tank-tipped prongs on Friday to within 53 miles of the Manchurian border.

Enemy resistance was light although General Douglas MacArthur himself said "new Red armies"—apparently recent reinforcements—were deployed somewhere ahead of the advancing Allies.

In advances of up to eight miles on the northwest front, the onrushing columns had not yet run into the new defence line believed thrown up by 100,000 Chinese and Red Koreans in the snow-clad hills.

The Allies had 100,000 men on the northwest front for the drive that is pressing the enemy back toward the border. Fewer than half the United Nations troops were in action. The rest were in reserve ready to exploit any breakthrough.

The Eighth Army sent one task force driving west to within 53 miles of Sinju, a bomb-shattered city of the Yalu River frontier. This force from the US Twenty-fourth Division was clanking up the same road on which it penetrated to within 14 miles of the border four weeks ago. The South Korean division just to the east, headed for the great Suho power plant on the Yalu, about 60 miles north of its lead elements.

A third spearhead was aimed directly northward on the road to Choson, where the South Korean Sixth Division reached the border last month and then retreated. This spearhead was made up of two US Twenty-fifth Division columns led by tanks.

Other Eighth Army forces thrust northward in the Chongchon River valley to protect the flank of border driving spearhead.

On the northeast front, South Korean troops seized hills overlooking the port of Chongjin, 55 miles south of the Siberian Korean border. The gain was overshadowed, however, by the appearance of two new Chinese Communist Divisions on the northeast front.—Associated Press.

### REASON FOR ACTION

Seoul, Nov. 24. General Douglas MacArthur's newly-launched mass offensive in North-Western Korea should, in the opinion of observers here, bring a quick answer to the puzzle of just how far Communist China is willing to go in military opposition to the United Nations. It is generally believed here that it was mainly to find this answer that General MacArthur launched his new drive.

## Next Monday's New Feature

On Monday next the China Mail will have considerable pleasure in introducing its readers to the Case Book of Sir Patrick Hastings, KC, Britain's most eminent counsel in the criminal courts.

This series describing many of the most famous court cases of the last 40 years, is written by Sir Patrick Hastings himself, and makes exciting as well as fascinating reading.

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On no account should anybody miss reading the Case Book of Sir Patrick Hastings.

## Will Of The Late Mr S.T. Williamson

### Munificent Bequests To Hongkong Residents

Many substantial bequests to Hongkong residents are contained in the will of the late Mr S. T. Williamson, former local shipping magnate.

He left HK\$50,000 each to Mr T. Ramsay and Mr M. H. Turner, HK\$30,000 to E. Mitchell, HK\$15,000 to James Jolly Jr, son of the Director of Marine, and HK\$10,000 to Kwan Lump-sun who also receives under the terms of the will, a further \$400 a month during his life time.

Other beneficiaries who appear in the will are: Mrs M.M. Mullion HK\$50,000, Roderick Mullion HK\$25,000, Mrs M. Harrison HK\$50,000, Mrs M. Begdon HK\$50,000, Mrs Dorothy Deane HK\$20,000, Michael Deane HK\$10,000, Herbert Stuart Carpenter HK\$25,000, Erica Groom HK\$10,000, Marjory Buckle HK\$30,000, Nellie Hillier HK\$30,000.

A legacy of NZ\$10,000 was bequeathed to the late Mr Williamson's mother, Mrs A. M. Williamson and a similar sum to his sister, Miss Magdalene T. Williamson. As a token of the regard and esteem for her unselfish love and attention to our mother in the evening of her life.

To the Trustees are bequeathed an annuity of NZ\$2,000 to be applied to the maintenance and benefit of his mother during her life time and another annuity of A\$1,500 to be applied towards the maintenance and benefit of his wife, Mrs Clarice Louise Williamson during her life time.

### ESTATE DIVIDED

The will directed that Mr Williamson's residuary estate be divided into two parts, and the income from the first part to be given to his sister during her life time and on her death the part was to be halved. One half was to go to recognised charities in Hongkong provided that the Trustees considered the Colony to be under British control.

The income from the other half was to go to Mrs Margaret Marie Mullion, wife of Mr J. R. Mullion, and on her death the share outright to go to Roderick Mullion, as his reaching 21.

If the Trustees held that Hongkong was under British control the share would go to recognised charities in New Zealand.

If Roderick Mullion did not reach the age of 21, the whole of that share would be paid to recognised charities in Hongkong unless it were under other than British control, in which case the share would go to charities in New Zealand.

The income arising from the second part of the residuary estate is to go to Mrs Mullion and on her death to Roderick Mullion. If both die the share is to go to New Zealand and Hongkong charities.

Any portion of the residuary estate not disposed of in the will is to be bequeathed to the University of Hongkong for the advancement of medicine and engineering provided Hongkong is under British control, otherwise it is to go to Wellington Hospital, New Zealand.

The will also directed the Directors of Williamson and Co Ltd and the Trustees to make provisions for retiring gratuities or allowances to any employee of the late Mr Williamson at his office at P.O. Building, the amounts to be at the discretion of the directors and trustees.

## Peking Delegates Pay Protocol Call On Dr Trygve Lie

Lake Success, Nov. 24.

The Communist Chinese delegation arrived at the United Nations on Friday.

Shortly before 4 p.m. four members of the Peking delegation arrived to pay a protocol call on Secretary-General Trygve Lie.

Led by General Wu Hsiu-chuan, the Chinese walked stone-facedly into the United Nations temporary headquarters, refusing to say anything to reporters except that they would see the Secretary-General. They went immediately to Mr Lie's offices on the second floor of the building and were closeted with him.

Word was passed however that they would see reporters later.

Meanwhile it was decided not to hold a meeting of the Security Council on Saturday. Dr Ales Biebler, of Yugoslavia, Council president for November, had been eager to hold as many meetings on Formosa as possible before December 1 when Nationalist China's Tsiang Tsi-ting takes over the presidency.

With the Chinese Nationalist chief delegate presiding over the Council, it might prove embarrassing to have the Peking delegates in the debate of the Formosa issue, it was thought.

Almost coincident with the arrival of the Chinese Communist delegation at the United Nations headquarters, the General Assembly's Political Committee agreed unanimously to postpone action on El Salvador's demand that Tibet's complaint of aggression by Communist China be placed on the Assembly's agenda. The Salvadoran delegate, Mr Hector Cavite Castro, made a 45-minute plea for the inclusion of the item on grounds that the United Nations must deal with complaints of aggression whenever they arise.

Russia's Jacob Malik insisted the march of Chinese Communist forces into Tibet was an internal matter affecting only China since, he argued, Tibet is recognised as a part of China.—United Press.

Dr A. Biebler, of Yugoslavia, President of the United Nations Security Council for November, hoped to see the Peking delegates early on Friday afternoon to see if they were ready to attend the Council meeting on Saturday to argue their case against the United States, the specific reason for which the unsmiling Chinese, led by General Wu Hsiu-chuan, top aide to Mao Tse-tung's chief general, came to the United Nations.

Russia's Jacob Malik made his demand for the Peking representatives as soon as the Political Committee began its discussion of the Chinese Communist complaint. The Soviet proposal to invite the Chinese Communists brought immediate objection from Dr Tsiang Tsi-ting, Nationalist China's chief delegate, who contended the Peking Government "has not their legal competence to lodge a complaint or make any accusation on behalf of my country, nor has it moral authority to speak for China."

Chile's Dr Hernan Santa Cruz declared Russia "can not interpret the wishes of the Chinese Communist Government" in demanding representation for them.

Mr Malik immediately cited two messages to the United Nations from Mr Chen Yi, the Foreign Minister of the Peking regime, dated September 29 and 30, in which the Chinese Communists demand the right to participate in the discussions. Mr Malik said: "The demand of the Chinese people's Government is well-founded. The Chinese people have every reason to prefer charges against the United States."

"AGGRESSIVE WAR" Mr Malik continued: "As is well known, immediately after the onset of the aggressive war in Korea, the United States sent its navy to Taiwan waters although Taiwan belongs to China. Subsequently the United States air force repeatedly violated the air-space of north-east China and subjected it to bombing, barbarously slaughtering Chinese citizens and causing devastation and destruction. We should note that the Security Council did take a decision on the proposal of Ecuador, to invite representatives of the Chinese People's Republic to participate in the discussion here."

"The Chinese people's delegation arrived in New York today to participate in the discussions in the Security Council. Therefore there already is a valid precedent which this committee should follow."

The Assembly's 11-member steering committee will decide on Friday afternoon whether the complaint of aggression by the Chinese Communists should be considered.—United Press.

## Shaw's Will Expected To Be A Masterpiece

London, Nov. 24.

George Bernard Shaw's 8,000-word will, when published in full, is almost certain to be considered a literary masterpiece.

It may be months before it is revealed, because the public trustees are faced with taxation problems on the playwright's large fortune.

The first of the two clauses published yesterday said:

"I desire that my dead body shall be cremated and its ashes inseparably mixed with those of my late wife, now in the custody of the Golden Green cemetery, and in this condition scattered in the garden of the house in Ayot St Lawrence where we lived together for 35 years, unless some other disposal of them should be, in the opinion of my trustee, more eligible."

"Personally I prefer the garden to the cloister."

The other passage read: "As my religious convictions and scientific views cannot at present be more specifically defined than as those of a believer in creative evolution, I desire that no public monument or work of art or inscription or sermon or ritual service commemorating me shall suggest that I accepted the tenets peculiar to any established Church or denomination nor take the form of a cross or any other instrument of torture or symbol of blood sacrifice."

Mr Wyndham Hurst said after yesterday's ceremony that the question of a Westminster Abbey burial had been carefully considered. But, in view of the declarations in Shaw's will, and the views expressed in many of his writings, it was thought that churchmen would be offended if the occasioned authorities made any move to allow the ashes to be buried in any religious national shrine.—Reuter.

## BOAC Cancel Services

London, Nov. 24.

British Overseas Airways Corporation cancelled three services from London tonight as a result of the unofficial strike of 130 electricians at London Airport.

A Corporation spokesman announced suspension of the Argonaut land-plane services to the Far East, Persian Gulf and the east coast of South America as BOAC insisted that the machines must not fly unless maintenance was complete. The strike followed a dispute over the employment of two non-union electricians.

The Corporation, which employs about 150 electricians at London Airport, said that other services were operating normally at present.—Reuter.

## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### MacArthur's Dramatic Stroke

THERE has been nothing more dramatic connected with the Korea conflict than General MacArthur's announcement that he has ordered a general assault in North Korea, involving 100,000 United Nations troops, for the express purpose of "bringing the war to an end." The action, especially if it be successful, leaves stone cold so many previous arguments as to how the United Nations was going to deal with Chinese Communist intervention in Korea. MacArthur has taken the soldier's attitude, to which, of course, he is fully entitled as commander-in-chief of UN forces in Korea, but whether it dovetails with the politicians' and diplomats' viewpoints is, at first sight, problematical. General MacArthur, who has always carefully calculated his military campaigns strikes a completely confident note in his first communique. He clearly believes that this time he and his forces can really bring the war to an end by a master-stroke of strategy and tactics. His confidence is boosted by the knowledge that he has absolute air superiority and in consequence is able to deny the enemy reinforcement of men, weapons and supplies. And it is well to remember that this was one decisive factor in the astonishing UN offensive which MacArthur mounted from Inchon to drive the North Koreans far across the 38th parallel. Quick and outright success in this latest assault, however, is even more important than in the Inchon campaign. For this time the United Nations troops have to beat the weather; they must achieve their tar-

get before the winter really sets in. Nevertheless, the most imponderable factor is the willingness or otherwise of the Chinese and Korean Communists to offer resistance to this latest drive. Initial gains must not be taken as irrefutable evidence that the enemy will retreat helter skelter across the Manchurian border or meekly surrender themselves in divisional strength. The Communists may still consider that the Yalu River reservoirs and hydro-electric power plants are worth fighting for and will, when their lines have been sufficiently shortened, make a determined attempt to defeat the UN offensive. General MacArthur's appreciation of the situation is that the enemy cannot offer effective opposition because his supply routes can be made untenable by UN air attacks, and he evidently considers the Communists have a similar appreciation. There is another consideration which offers hope for a rapid liquidation of the war in Korea. It is that the Chinese Communists, in addition to recognising a very difficult, possibly hopeless military situation in North Korea, are prepared to accept the assurances of Britain and America that the United Nations intends fully to respect China's special interests in that part of the world, and that, as a result, the Peking government will instruct its "volunteers" in Korea to return home as quickly as possible. Such a decision would be sensible and becoming, and would make relatively easy a satisfactory settlement of the Korea problem. The next 48 hours should provide the answer.

## PASSED "STOP" SIGNAL

New York, Nov. 24.

The Governor of New York State, Mr. Thomas E. Dewey, said today that preliminary evidence indicated that "a human failure" was the cause of the Long Island railway smash in which 77 died on Wednesday night.

He said, "The engineer of the express, Benjamin Polakovsky (killed in the crash) passed one warning signal and one stop signal at the full speed of 65 miles per hour."—Reuter.

## INDEFINITELY POSTPONED

Lake Success, Nov. 24.

The United Nations today postponed indefinitely consideration of the Chinese Communist invasion of Tibet after Britain and India said they understood Tibet and China had a chance of reaching on-the-spot agreement.—Associated Press.

## Policeman Slain

Singapore, Nov. 24.

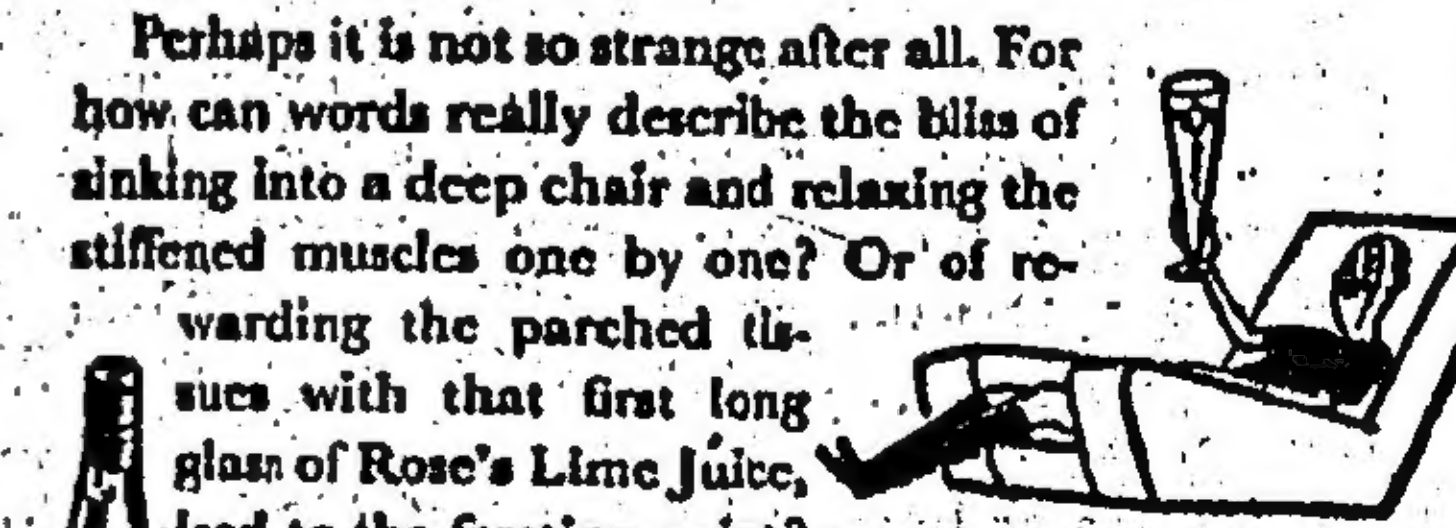
Six Malay police were killed in two attacks yesterday on lorries carrying security forces in Malaya. It was officially disclosed today.—Reuter.

Sequel to Sport



Every sport has its special lingo, from polo to polo-vaulting, from deck-tennis to squash. Yet strange to say, there are few phrases to describe that pleasant part of all, when a man cools off in the clubhouse and holds his inquest on the game. Golf has its Nineteenth Hole, of course; but cricket has no Eleventh Wicket, or rugger a Third Half.

Perhaps it is not so strange after all. For how can words really describe the bliss of sinking into a deep chair and relaxing the stiffened muscles one by one? Or of re-warding the parched tissues with that first long glass of Rose's Lime Juice, led to the frosting point?



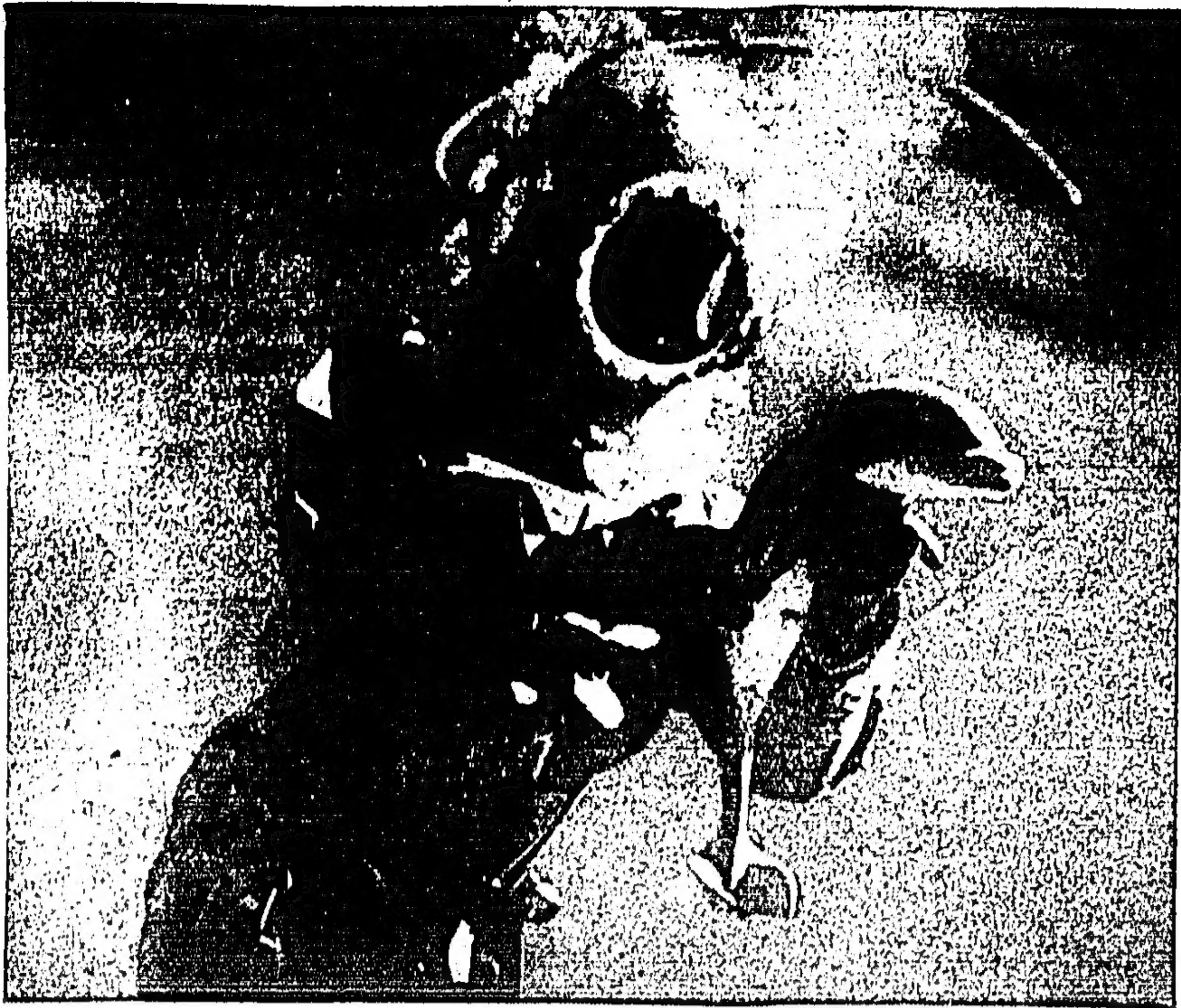
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A NEWBORN porpoise arrives just in time to swell the 1950 population at the Marine Studios. Scientists at the oceanarium keep a careful watch on newcomers to observe their growth and habits.

IMMIGRATION, births and deaths cause constant changes in the population of "Under Sea, U.S.A." So it was only natural with the 1950 census takers sharpening their pencils, that the authorities at Marineland, Florida, should also decide to tally up.

Consider their difficulties. Fish won't answer doorbells or stay in one spot long enough like housewives to answer questions. Only the porpoises would come to the top to be counted, so

divers had to drop into the two huge tanks at the Marine Studios to check off more than 30,000 specimens housed there.

It wasn't too difficult to list the bigger denizens of the deep, but when schools of smaller ones flashed by continually, the divers wished they were using adding machines instead of crayons. Even while the census was being taken, new "immigrants" picked up at sea continued to swell the population.

# UNDERSEA CENSUS



Setting up their headquarters at the bottom of one of the tanks, divers check off hundreds of small fry that drop over to see "what's cooking."



AN ACCOMMODATING finny specimen, his eyes bulging at the strange behaviour of his friends from topside, slowly swims by. Maybe he's just making sure that he won't be left off the roster.



AS THOUGH it wasn't difficult enough to count the thousands of tiny fish zipping about the tank, a couple of curious porpoises kept bottling in and scattering the school. When the census finally was taken, the divers felt they were qualified for a good deal of fish counting.



A SARDONIOUS porpoise made a face during the porpoise tally, sending the fish out of the water to get their noses rubbed. The diver, who was co-operating, was co-operated.



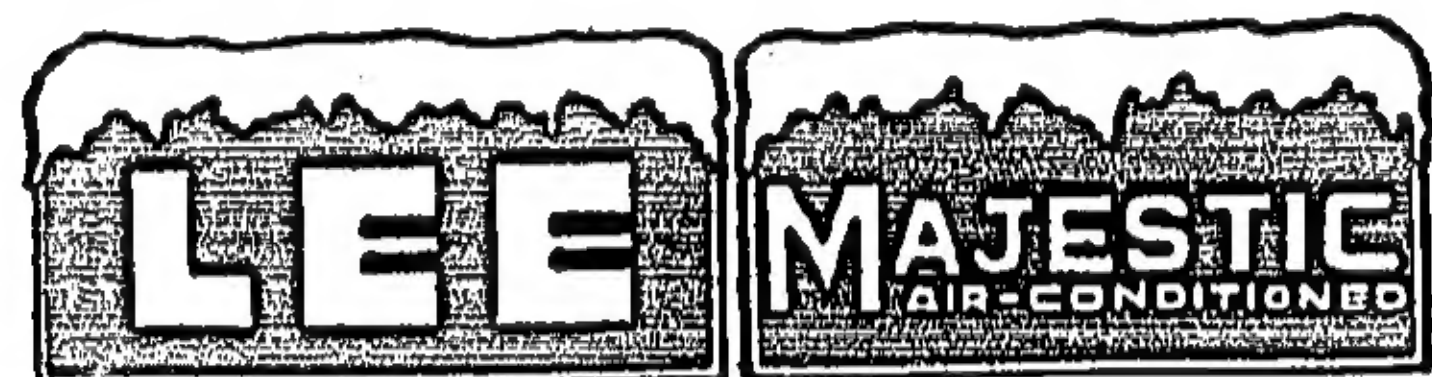
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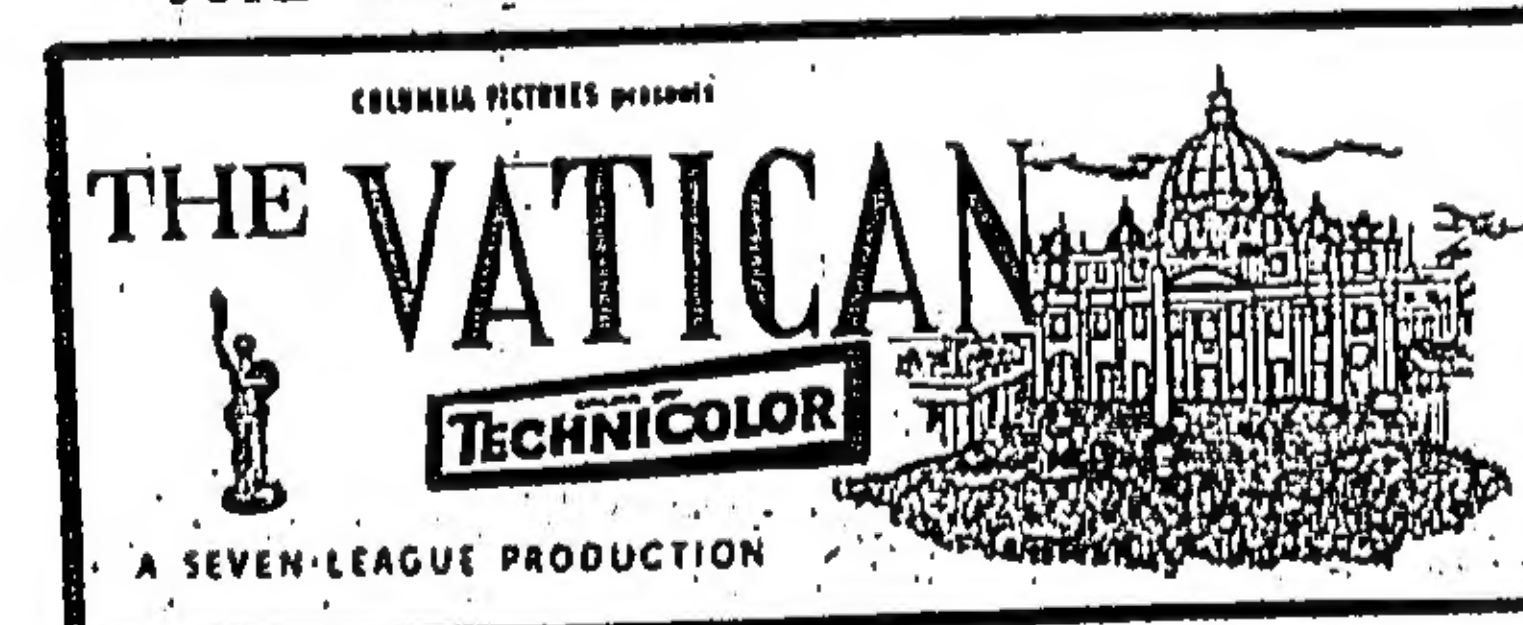


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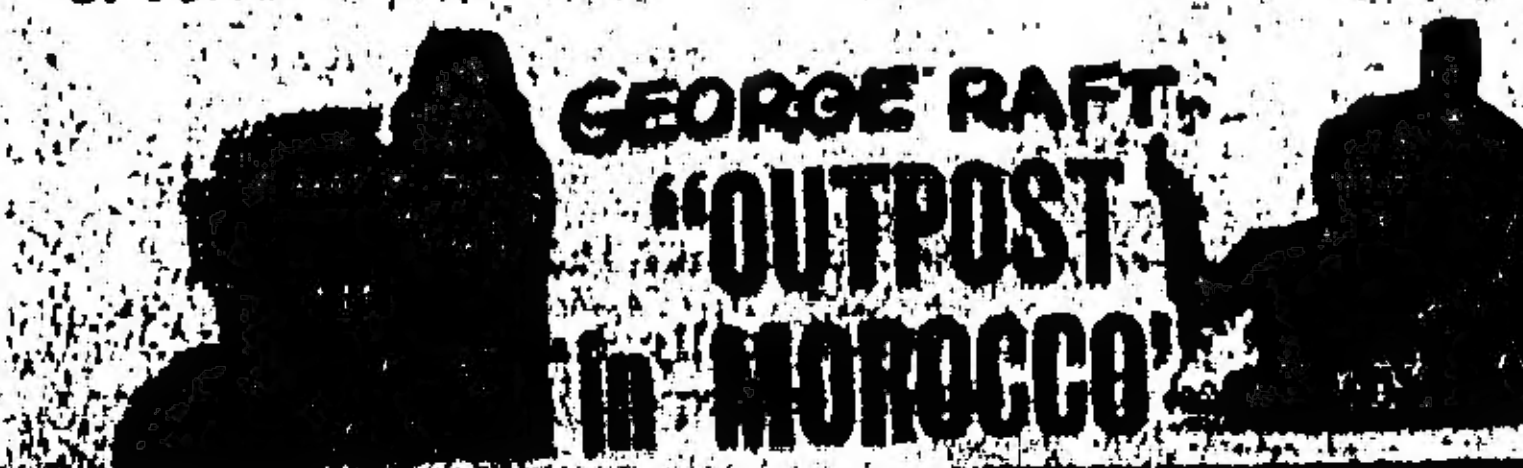
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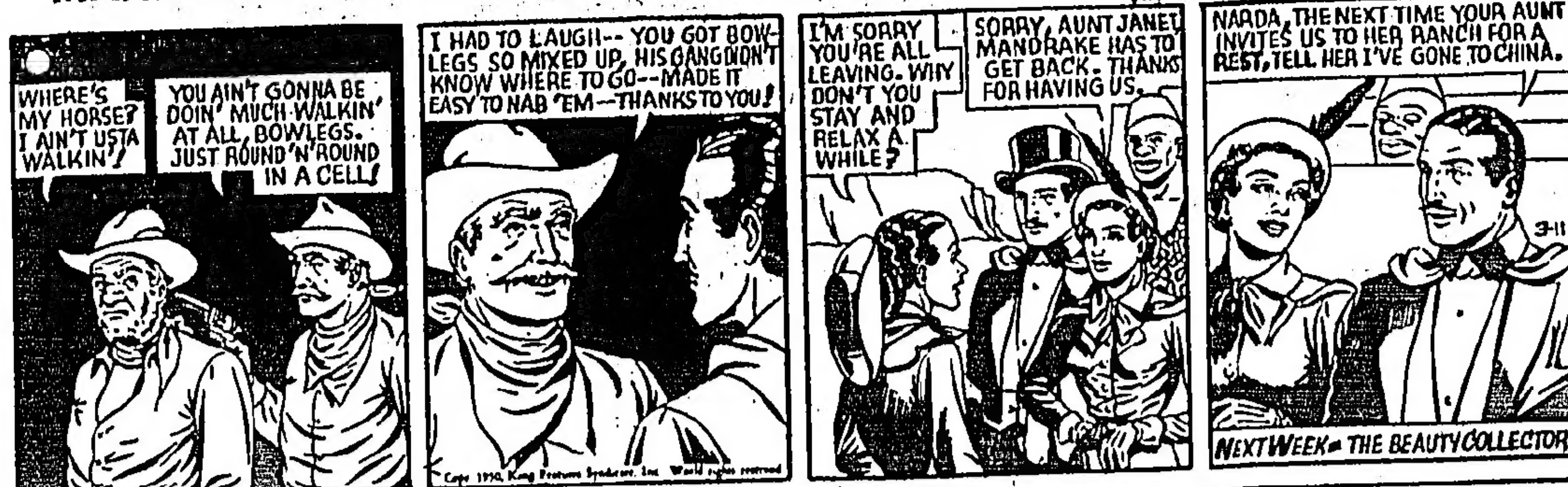
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## MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN



### A SEAT IN THE STALLS



by Harold Conway

First picture from Hollywood of Vivien Leigh, with her now leading man, 26-year-old Marlon Brando, finds them having a chat between shots on a Streetcar Named Desire. Miss Leigh, as a rule, doesn't have to fight for the limelight; she attracts it naturally. But a fight may be on her hands when Streetcar reaches the screens. For Hollywood is currently booming Mr. Brando to its limitless skies. This young man from Omaha—who once dug ditches for a drainage construction firm—was the original Stanley Kowalski in Streetcar on Broadway. After the audition Tennessee Williams had to lend him the bus fare to get home. Now the film people are building him up as the "burning" topic of Hollywood conversation. I'm not quite sure what that means; but Miss Leigh, it would seem, is not for burning. We shall see: Mr. Brando's first picture which began all the pother—The Men—has its London premiere next week.

REST OF CONWAY'S SHOW NEWS:

## Chaplin is still drawing them in

★ What picture is drawing the West End crowds—at a time when show business has suddenly slumped? Chaplin's 20-year-old "City Lights"; it has taken \$5,000 in a fortnight.

Yet a few weeks ago this film could not get a booking at any of the major cinemas in the suburbs and provinces. Exhibitors were frightened of a "revival"—and a non-talkie at that.

Chaplin refused to regard his "box-office" until the public pointed the way. Now bids are coming from all over the country and the Rank Organisation are negotiating a release on their entire circuit. Why is Wardour Street always so timid about cinema-goers' reaction to the unbanal? Give the public a chance, and they will always respond to an enterprising idea—so long as it is a good one.

### And now Paulette

Exhibitors, except for a few sturdy independents, are too safety-minded; they prefer to lead their patrons along a one-way, single-track road—in blinkers.

Chaplin is now planning a follow-up revival—with "Modern Times". So we shall be seeing the young and then unknown Paulette Goddard, whose marriage to Chaplin followed this picture. Will followed in retrospect, seen as delightful as Virginia Cherrill does in "City Lights"? I am curious to see.

### The Wonder Kid waits

★ Topic of wonder in film circles: what has happened to "The Wonder Kid"? That was the picture which 10-year-old Boddy Henry made, a lush setting—one done with taste and tact, the other a meaningless charade. Master Henry's part was a pianist prodigy, whose life is responsible for the first, "The

plugged by an ambitious impresario and governess. Studio scenes were completed last March. Meanwhile, a rival film with a rival boy actor—"Prelude to Fame"—introducing 12-year-old Jeremy Spenser—had won the race to Britain's cinema screens. Master Spenser's part: a boy conductor whose life is played by an ambitious foster-mother. Sir Alexander Korda's company, London Films, made "The Wonder Kid." No date has yet been fixed for its public showing. There is a feeling, I gather, that the public have had their fill of boy prodigies for the time being.

### Shaw—and after

★ John Clements and his wife, Kay Hammond, should make a worth-while job of their Mah and Superman production—planned, they tell me, before Shaw's death. But I hope we are not in for a spate of Shaw revivals; there are indications of something like it. The publicity may seem tempting; the effect in box-office terms might be unfortunate.

Best idea would be for a Shaw festival to be staged in London next year as part of the Festival. The Old Vic arranged some time ago to revive "Captain Brassbound's Conversion" next April. Since this will now be a kind of memorial tribute, I am sorry about the Vic's choice. There are many better Shaw plays for such an occasion. Here, perhaps, is a plan which it is never too late to mend?

### The roasted Pimpernel

★ Things work out contrariwise in film-land. Last week brought two new pictures with an historical English setting—one done with taste and tact, the other a meaningless charade. An American company was published recently (price 10s) the "samples" show what the average child thinks about pictures, stage, and the cinema.

Only two children in 100 aged between ten and 15 never visit the cinema at all. About 800,000 children pay their money for Saturday morning matinees every week at 1,700 cinemas. Sunday is the least popular day.

### It was an 'A'

IT is the combined voting of the boys and the girls which puts "The Wicked Lady" Margaret Lockwood on top. And nine out of ten of Miss Lockwood's last pictures have "A" certificates—they are not suitable for children.

The favourite actor for the boys is still Roy Rogers, and his white horse Trigger. The girls' choice for a male star is James Mason, with Michael Wilding in second place.

Do children like child stars? They have a simple answer. No.

When it comes to pictures the choice for a favourite is won easily by the three-year-old "Best Years of Our Lives," the story of three friends—one of

Mudlark; the clowning came from Britain's own No. 1 production team, Powell and Pressburger—with "The Elusive Pimpernel."

After all these reproaches to Hollywood about their treatment of English history, here come coals of fire being courteously heaped on our heads. What do Powell and Pressburger say after the biggest critical slumping of their career? That the public will Service.)

### DAVID LEWIN REPORTS

## Children prefer the Wicked Lady to the Woolly West

TOP of the ballot for favourite film stars with British children is Margaret Lockwood. She has pushed Roy Rogers, hero of the "Which-way-did-the-go-shepherd?" Westerns, into second place.

The next three are James Mason, Alan Ladd and Pat Roc. If you thought that Disney's Donald Duck or Mickey Mouse would have a place in your child's pin-up list you would be wrong. They don't get a mention—and Disney films, which parents like children to see, come low.

### 2,000 'samples'

THESE results come from a survey made among 2,000 "sample children," aged five to 15 from all parts of Britain and all types of school. The quiz was made for the Government and is the most revealing of its kind.

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have the last word—and that the public, so far, are liking the Pimpernel. For me, their most consistent champion, the day will be when Messrs. P. and P. go back to writing their own original screen stories—like "A Matter of Life and Death" and "The Red Shoes." They have an implausible imagination which seems allergic to other people's brain-children.

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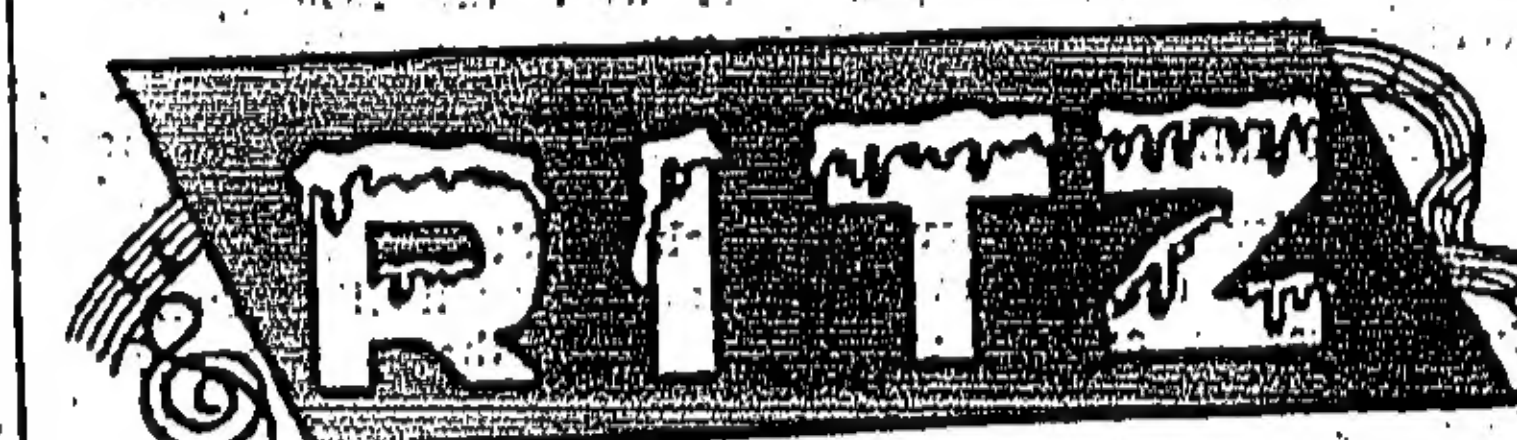
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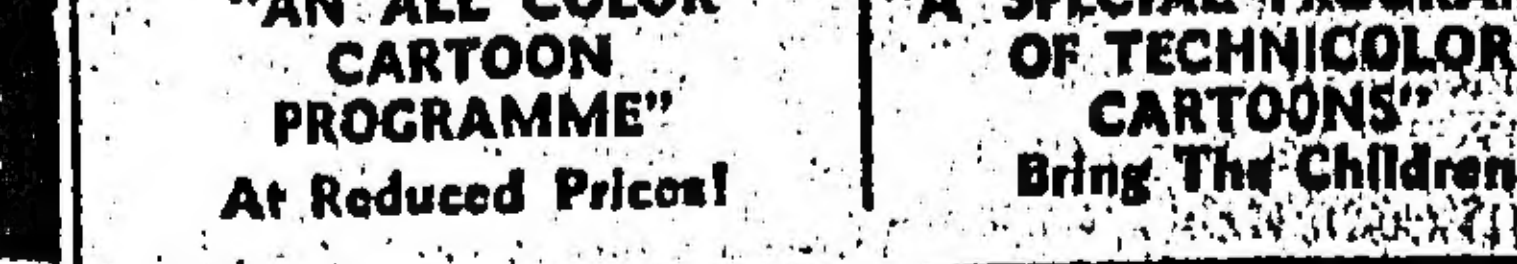
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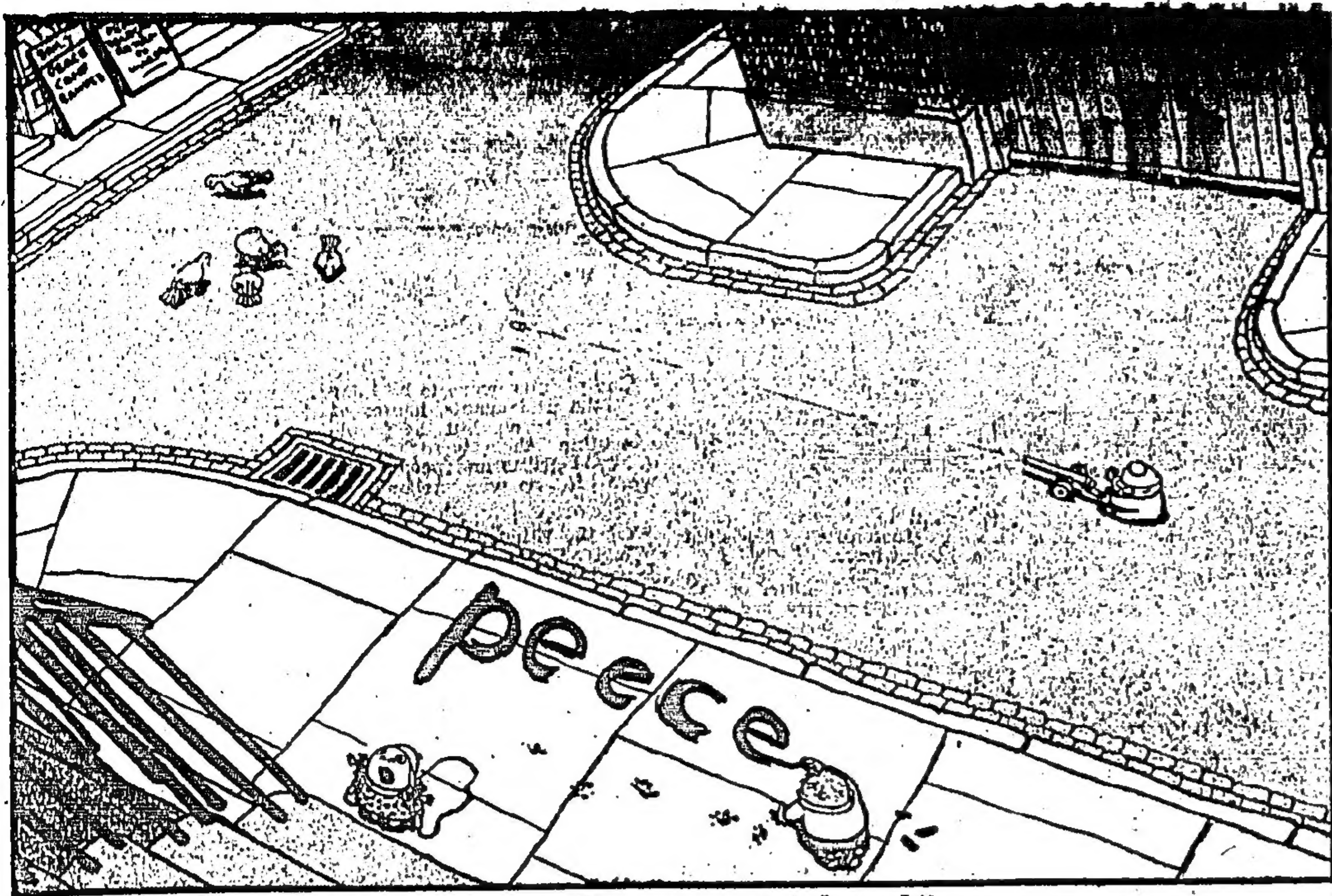
# SUPER, SUPER

—by—  
**RODNEY  
CAMPBELL**

New York.  
THE British hotel, in the American conception, is a dour, dank, cheerless, level-less and usually soap-as-paradise where you have to ask for ice-cold drinking-water with your deliciously cooked lunch, and where manager and chambermaid are allied in a nefarious conspiracy to make bathrooms totally unavailable.  
In any case, say the globe-trotting Americans, they couldn't be any good as they don't have enough gadgets. So I thought it was high time to catch up on the gadgets that make holiday-time such a beautiful adventure for the American housewife. A super-blossal exhibition put on here recently seemed to fit the bill. There was a monstrous United Nations flag in the hallway which meant that 24 Irishmen, a few Latin-Americans and I had been invited to join 5,000 Americans at the Hotel New York. Five hundred hoteliers and their suppliers were mine and a taste of things to come was granted me by the chambermaid. This apparently out wet wall-paper and each paint 35 percent faster than other dehumidifiers.

WHEN there was the fresh-master, which froze 1,000lb. of foot in an incredibly short time, which chopped a ton of ice a day at 13s. a time, the rug de-ringer, which detergered rugs at the rate of 600 square feet an hour, and the wall de-ringer, which worked faster up-and-down and clocked 612.  
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There was an electronic fire alarm, which was the same as any other fire alarm except that it was electronic, and... foam rubber pillow.  
Here at last was a feature of the all-American hotel which could do for British Railways. Happy the heart of the American tourist who had slept on the night before the train real.

ABOUT this time, to the background of some strange, indefinable noise emitted far away by a restaurant pulverizer, young men and women started giving me things, and demonstrating exotic products to the paroo peeler.  
This was the trouble-free peeler, and the hook-grinder was the grinder that was guaranteed to sharpen any edge of any tool any time.  
Also at this stage I received the 7,111th glass of orange juice, which was a "money-cured" thing, and a salesman from a bus company slapped me hard on the back and said he was working for a "friendly, com-met team."  
So I ran terrified for the great outdoors, beneath searing signs about "Beer and the hotel industry," "City Finds Danger in Food Sauce," "I stopped for the 7,127th glass of orange juice and for a fast tender thought for that last night, shivering night chez British Railways."



"Mum! Cyril's wrote a wicked word."

London Express Service

Sir Ralph Richardson has a new assignment. He is now getting ready to fly to Ceylon. There he is to play in Carol Reed's new film "Outcast of the Islands."



## The Man Who Looks Through Telescopes

by **MILTON  
SHULMAN**

HERE is a certain type of Anglo-Saxon face that instils confidence and trust. It is large, open, hearty, plain and obstinate-looking. It is usually accompanied by a pipe.

Stanley Baldwin had it. J. B. Priestley has it. So has Sir Ralph Richardson.

For an actor it is a face that has some concrete advantages. Richardson needs practically no make-up to play Brutus, Blunt-schell or Bulldog Drummond.

But it also has definite disadvantages. Richardson has never played Hamlet or Romeo—nor is he likely to.

But if his physical features have somewhat limited his range they have not prevented him from reaching pre-eminence in his profession or from gracing the English stage with a succession of varied and notable performances.

### HE PAINTS

Off-stage there is nothing to mark Ralph Richardson as an actor. He might be a bank manager, a soldier or a detective.

He dresses unobtrusively, shuns West End society, lives quietly in a neo-Georgian house near Hampstead Heath and can be found most week-ends either energetically playing squash in Kensington or pensively painting in Kew Gardens.

He is married to lovely Meriel Forbes, the actress—his first wife died—and they have a five-year-old son.

Because Richardson is a man of moods, talking to him can be either a delightful or a difficult experience.

When he is uncommunicative he stares vaguely, but politely at whoever is trying to engage his attention, nods his head

rhythmically and automatically, and periodically emits a carefully enunciated "Yes." When he is conversationally inclined his manner is warm and amiable as his arms form a sweeping accompaniment to a generous outpouring of words and ideas.

Not only is his talk spattered with literary and historical allusions culled from his incessant reading, but he likes to wrangle his thoughts up into neat metaphorical phrases that are both descriptive and apt. ("I like to think of myself as the jockey of literature. The dramatists write the play, we try to make them run." Or, "An actor's canvas is silence. A person coughing is like someone throwing ink blots on a page.")

There is no doubt that Sir Ralph takes a good deal of knowing. But his many friends can testify to the ample rewards that await those who persevere.

### FIRST—A TOY

Many of Richardson's wide range of interests can be traced directly to a boyhood that had relatively little to do with the theatre.

He was born in 1902 at Cheltenham, Gloucestershire where, his father, Arthur Richardson, a landscape painter, taught art at Cheltenham College. Because he was a sickly child young Ralph was unable to go regularly to school and his education was sporadic and inadequate.

His decision to try his hand at the theatre was not a sudden whim or inspiration. As a child he had enjoyed playing with a toy theatre and he felt his first moment of drama swinging in center as an altar boy. By fourteen he had read all of Shakespeare.

Incidentally, his voracious reading appetite stems from an inferiority acquired as a boy over his lack of education and a

consequent thirst for knowledge in a frantic effort to catch up.

By paying ten shillings a week and offering to paint scenery, Richardson, at eighteen, was given a job at Brighton's Little Theatre. His theatrical career began literally below the ground floor, imitating air rail bombs with a petrol tin underneath the stage.

### ON TOUR

Small walk-on parts soon led to speaking roles, and shortly afterwards Richardson joined a Shakespearean repertory company touring the provinces.

In 1920, Richardson went to the Birmingham Repertory Company, and in the same year, under the guidance of Sir Barry Jackson, made his first appearance on the London stage as the Stranger in Oedipus at Colonus. Another four years of modern and classical plays and he joined the Old Vic in 1930 in order to do more Shakespeare and develop his technique.

By the time war broke out, the glowing critical notices he had received for his work in such modern plays as For Services Rendered, Eden End, Cornelius and The Amazing Dr Clitterhouse proved that his dramatic talent was as much at home in a lounge suit as in an Elizabethan costume.

The war provided him with an opportunity to occupy himself with another one of his many interests.

### IN THE AIR

As an eager amateur pilot he used to fly his own Gypsy Moth, and it was not surprising that he should volunteer for service in the Fleet Air Arm.

In May 1944, both Olivier and Richardson were released to act as joint directors of the Old Vic. Their three-season reign brought back to the London stage the magnificence of imaginative production and noble acting.

Since leaving the Old Vic in 1947 Sir Ralph has had one theatrical failure, Royal Circle, and two substantial successes—the domineering father in The Helms and the mild-mannered bank clerk in Home at Seven. He has made three or four attempts at producing, but they have not usually been too happy. "I will certainly take a shot at it again," he said.

But to the large, general public, both in Britain and America, it was through his post-war performances in the pictures The Fallen Idol and The Helms that he achieved the clamorous popularity of a film star.

### THE ARCHITECT

Richardson has no snobbish superiority towards film acting. He believes that it demands a technique as exacting as anything on the stage. "Acting on the screen is like acting under a microscope," he said. "The slightest movement becomes a gesture and therefore the discipline has to be very severe."

The prospect of seeing himself on the screen sends Sir Ralph into a cold sweat. "It is like seeing a cold sweat photograph the time of a house moving and sitting," he said, "but it is a very interesting thing."

put what the author has written and then add to it the results of my own observation and imagination," he said. "I feel that I must breathe life into the envelope before the character begins to come true."

Perhaps the most puzzling aspects of Ralph Richardson's personality are its obvious contradictions. He looks like an extrovert and behaves like an introvert. He deals in understatement and is consciously confident of his own capabilities.

He has a passion for speed and yet can patiently while away the hours painstakingly painting a landscape. He loves to play games furiously and spends most of his spare moments avidly reading Gibbon's Decline and Fall for the third time or absorbing intently the latest works on anthropology and sociology.

A clue to this blend of physical and mental action may be garnered from a suggestion Richardson once made that a man whose vocation was sculpting and whose hobby was boxing would lead an ideal existence. The self-same ingredients of aggression, creation energy and sensitivity can be seen in Ralph Richardson himself.

### HIS JOYS

But even though Richardson may have the ardour and ability of a great actor, it has been said that he looks too much like a solid country squire ever to attain the status of a Kean, a Garrick or an Irving. And in that it debars him from undergoing that significant litmus test of the English stage Hamlet, this may be true.

However, another dramatic masterpiece, like his Falstaff, and Richardson may prove that permanent fame can be achieved without attempting the introspective agonies of the noble Dane.

Yet somehow one feels that the question of his significance in the annals of dramatic history does not concern Sir Ralph Richardson vermuch. He finds too much else about him to interest him.

He once said that one of his greatest joys was "looking down microscopes and up telescopes and pondering over what I see through both." That seems to be a good place to leave him.

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BERTRAND RUSSELL

NEW YORK.  
PHILOSOPHER Bertrand Russell—Earl Russell in the British peerage—asked: "Do you think war with Russia is possible?" replied: "Surely everybody dots, do not they?"

He said: If Russia starts war we should use the atom-bomb at once. Unless we use the atom-bomb we have very little chance of winning.

He listed acts by Russia that would consider warlike. These were: Invasion of Burma, Invasion of China, Invasion of Western Europe, Invasion of the Berlin

he felt if the U.S. had recognized Communist China at the same time as Britain did the Chinese would probably have developed a regime something like Tito's.

Britain, he said, was now a satellite of the United States, depending upon the United States Army and Navy for protection. And "We depend upon the U.S. financially to a very large extent."

### REARM—QUICKLY

Russell had a piece of advice for the Western Powers: Rearm as "fast as possible."

He "favoured agreement with Russia." If you could work one out.

Some Russians, he said, were probably convinced that war, if correct, could be a very

Russell added: "It is a pity to get so embroiled in Korea, since Russia wants Western troops committed in the Far East so she can have a free hand in the West."

In a lecture at Columbia University, earlier, he said: "In the past there were many sovereign States, any two of which might at any moment quarrel. Now there are only two sovereign States—Russia with her satellites and the United States with her satellites."

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The Branch Offices and the Treasurer's Comptroller Office will close at 11.00 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. The Treasurer's Comptroller Office and the Secretary's Office are situated at 1st Floor, Telephone House.

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## THE MAN FROM MOSCOW Chapter Five

# How the 'Sidney Stanleys' thrive in Russia

**CORRUPTION**—or "violation of financial discipline," as it is officially called—is rampant in Soviet Russia as in capitalist countries.

In the Lithuanian city of Kaunas, the young ladies are as fond of nylons and perfume—as young ladies anywhere.

These luxuries, however, can only be obtained under the counter, if at all. Black market men cashed in, and the other day private operators were openly doing a flourishing trade in the city's busiest streets.

Not only were they offering goggle-eyed passers-by nylons and perfumes, but knitted clothes, socks, chocolates, cigarettes and even pots and pans!

The secret police became interested, too. Their inquiries led them to No. 3, Senavichev Street, Kaunas, where, they found a modest institution called the "Utilisation Producers' Artel."

### 16 DAYS

SHELTERING behind the State business sign racketeers had been receiving raw materials bought with State funds, and had built up a thriving business of their own.

Although a Government sign hung outside the shop it belonged to the manager "lock, stock, and barrel."

Take the case if Mr Solomon Solomonovich Gurevich, the academic secretary of the All Union Scientific and Engineering-Technical Society of Polygraphy and Publishing Houses.

I have never met Mr Gurevich, but I have stayed at Leningrad's select Astoria Hotel, where they know Mr Gurevich very well.

Unlike Mr Gurevich, no Erikson entering Russia by way of old St. Petersburg has any option but to put up at the Astoria, where he is obliged to pay as much as \$10 a night for his bedroom and \$5 for his lunch or dinner.

Mr G. was supposed to have spent only six days in Leningrad.

### LIKED IT

HE liked it so much that he stayed 16. With his wife, he took one of the most expensive suites at the Astoria.

Day and night a special car waited at the entrance of the hotel because Mrs Gurevich had many calls to make.

Mr G. had organised what the Russians call a "professional excursion" to Leningrad on behalf of his society.

In the scheduled six days the 22 excursionists inspected a number of industrial enterprises, and everyone voted the trip a great success.

That was until they came to reckon the bill. The outing cost the society 24,000 roubles for \$2,250 at the present rate of exchange, and of that sum Mr and Mrs Gurevich accounted for 16,000.

Last year VNITO—as the society is called—paid out, as it was discovered later, 25,000 roubles in illegal royalties. Mr G.'s share came to 5,300; Mrs G.'s to 12,000.

How did he get away with it? According to those who investigated the accounts, VNITO had become "a veritable feeding trough for grafters."

### SHADY SPOT

PERHAPS you can spare a tear for Comrade Yuposov, the Minister of Water Works in far-off Kazakhstan.

He lives in a detached five-room house in the middle of a

by **RICHARD JONES**, until recently Editor of the Embassy paper, British Ally, in Moscow.

shady garden. His colleague, Comrade Edygenov, the Minister of the Meat and Dairy Industry, lives, or used to live, in a more sumptuous house, while the deputy chairman of the executive committee of the Alma Ata city soviet, Comrade Mamakhanov, dwelt in the private house of one of the State Ministries.

Comrade Yuposov would probably have been content with his five-room house in a shady garden had not some citizen craftily whispered in his ear one day: "But surely you, a Minister, Comrade Yuposov?" and before the eyes of the Water Works Minister was conjured up a two-storeyed house of unusual architecture, with elegant balconies and stucco mouldings.

Comrade Edygenov made a "mistake" of course, in agreeing to have his apartments repaired at the expense of the Alma Ata Meat Combine; that cost the State 100,000 roubles. And so did Comrade Mamakhanov, who consented to the expenditure of 20,000 roubles on his house at the expense of the city soviet.

### ALL 'LEGAL'

COMRADE YUPOSOV, however, decided to do everything on a "legal basis."

He told the Water Works Administration and the Council of Ministers about his ambition to live in a two-storey house, and they gave him permission to go ahead and get it built.

Each day he watched the house grow and grow. Each storey had six rooms, kitchens and bathrooms.

Everything worked out as the Minister wished with the exception of one detail: he had dreamt that the house would have its own boiler-room.

At the last moment somebody protested that it was impossible to increase the cost of the house any more as it had already cost the State no less than half million roubles.

It was also pointed out to Comrade Yuposov that many specialists in his Ministry had been trying for years to get accommodation and failed.

The Minister pondered these facts. He had also to take into consideration that his colleagues Comrades Edygenov and Mamakhanov had quite recently been brought to justice for "extravagance and abuse of their position."

The Minister was in a tough spot, but he wasn't going to sacrifice his dream of a two-storey house in the Eastern style. He decided there was no need for a boiler-room, no need for a parquet floor, and no need for a lot of other little extras.

The house is now almost ready for use.

### CHEATED

HUNDREDS of thousands of roubles are awarded as prizes to Soviet miners each year for high production, but not all of them get their fair share, thanks to abuses in the distribution of bonuses.

The miners of the 20th pit of "Rutchenkovskoy" won the challenge Red Banner of Russia "T.U.C." and of the Ministry of Coal Mining, with which went a bonus of 100,000 roubles.

The director of the pit and the chief accountant paid out thousands of roubles from the bonus fund to people who had

no right to receive a bonus, namely, footballers, musicians, and housewives.

The Deputy Minister of the Coal Mining Industry had occasion to issue a serious warning to the director of the factory building coal mining machinery, Comrade Ushakov, for similar abuses.

Ushakov also displayed great generosity with State funds. He distributed thousands of roubles from the fund to people not working on production.

Ushakov, it was disclosed, was very fond of making speeches at a table loaded with food and drink—but the money invariably came from the prizes intended for his workers.

### MONEY AIM

WITH the aim of making money—that was how the city prosecutor described it—Mr G. Kogan-Lekhterzak decided to engage in "commercial activity" and organised a brigade of artists.

His friend, Mr V. Kastalsky, undertook to procure orders, and soon he succeeded in obtaining an order for 2,000 pictures from the chief supply department of the former Ministry of the Coal Industry of the Eastern Regions of the U.S.S.R.

The pictures were to be hung in clubs, restaurants, houses of rest, and so on, but the people executing them were poorly qualified artists and people who were in no way related to painting.

Of the 96 roubles 63 kopecks which Kogan-Lekhterzak received for every picture, the artists received only 20 roubles. The remaining money, minus the cost of materials, was pocketed by Kogan-Lekhterzak and Kastalsky.

But incompetent persons were in charge of the reception of the pictures, and it was not long before Mr Kastalsky obtained another order from the Coal Ministry for 1,000 pictures.

### SLIPPED UP

The adventurists slipped up on the third order of the Ministry. Their pictures were intended for children. They were to cost 133 roubles per picture and the artists were to receive 13 roubles.

In the meantime the Ministry set up a special artistic commission to inspect the work, and they established that the pictures were worthless.

Mr Kogan-Lekhterzak and Mr Kastalsky were sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment in a corrective labour camp.

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### MONDAY:

Fake Congress

## BILLY ROSE

HERE'S A MAN WHO THOUGHT  
HE KNEW EVERYTHING...

DID anyone ever tell you the story of Know-It-All Lou, the East Side tough guy who thought he knew everything about everything?

Well, it's been told, retold and mistold in the coffee-houses of Allen Street for as long as I can remember, and today, in the interests of folklore and folderol, I'd like to pass it along...

As old-timers tell it, Lou had achieved quite a reputation as a know-it-all by the time he was kicked out of school after spending three years in the seventh grade. And this reputation carried over into the pool-rooms of the section where he seldom played but never missed a chance to criticize those who did.

UNDERSTANDABLY, the loud-mouth got to be known around the East Side as Know-It-All Lou and just as understandably his brashness finally attracted the attention of a local hoodlum known as Nick the Carp, who, at the time, was planning to burglar a wholesale furrier and wanted a nifty kid to drive the get-away car.

When he outlined the job to Lou, he said, "Remember, no guns. Da watchman izza old guy and I can handle him easy. I ain't lookin' for no more trouble than I hafta."

Lou, of course, had his own ideas on proper stick-up procedure, and lost no time in passing on his expert opinion to one of Nick's henchmen. "Betta pack a rod jus' in case," he advised.

The night of the job Lou parked the car down the block a bit and began thinking about how he'd spend his share of the loot; but within a matter of minutes there were shots and Nick and the boys came running back.

"Ya dummock," said Nick to the henchman who had taken Lou's advice. "Ya put three

slugs in da ol' man an' now we're in plennya trouble. Drive slow, Lou, in case any cops is aroun'."

"Dere ain't no cops aroun' here dis time a night," said the know-it-all.

Suddenly a prowler car scooted around a corner and forced them to the curb, and the cops had the bracelets on the thieves.

NICK the Carp turned State's evidence and settled for 20-to-life, and Lou might have done the same but he insisted he could win an acquittal. "I know da law," he said. "I wuzen da scene da crime. I wuzen da lawyer. And when I get inna witness chair, I'll tell 'em a ting or two."

Well, as it turned out, the know-it-all told 'em so many things that the judge sentenced him to the electric chair.

"I shoulda been my own mouth-piece," said Lou. "Dat stupo ol' lawyer couldn't hardly talk no English."

It would be nice to chronicle that Know-It-All Lou reformed during the last mournful mile, but I wouldn't be sticking to the coffeehouse facts. Actually he lectured the warden on how to run a prison, complained because the cook hadn't rubbed his last steak with garlic, and when his head and calves were being shaved he even advised the barber on how to angle the razor.

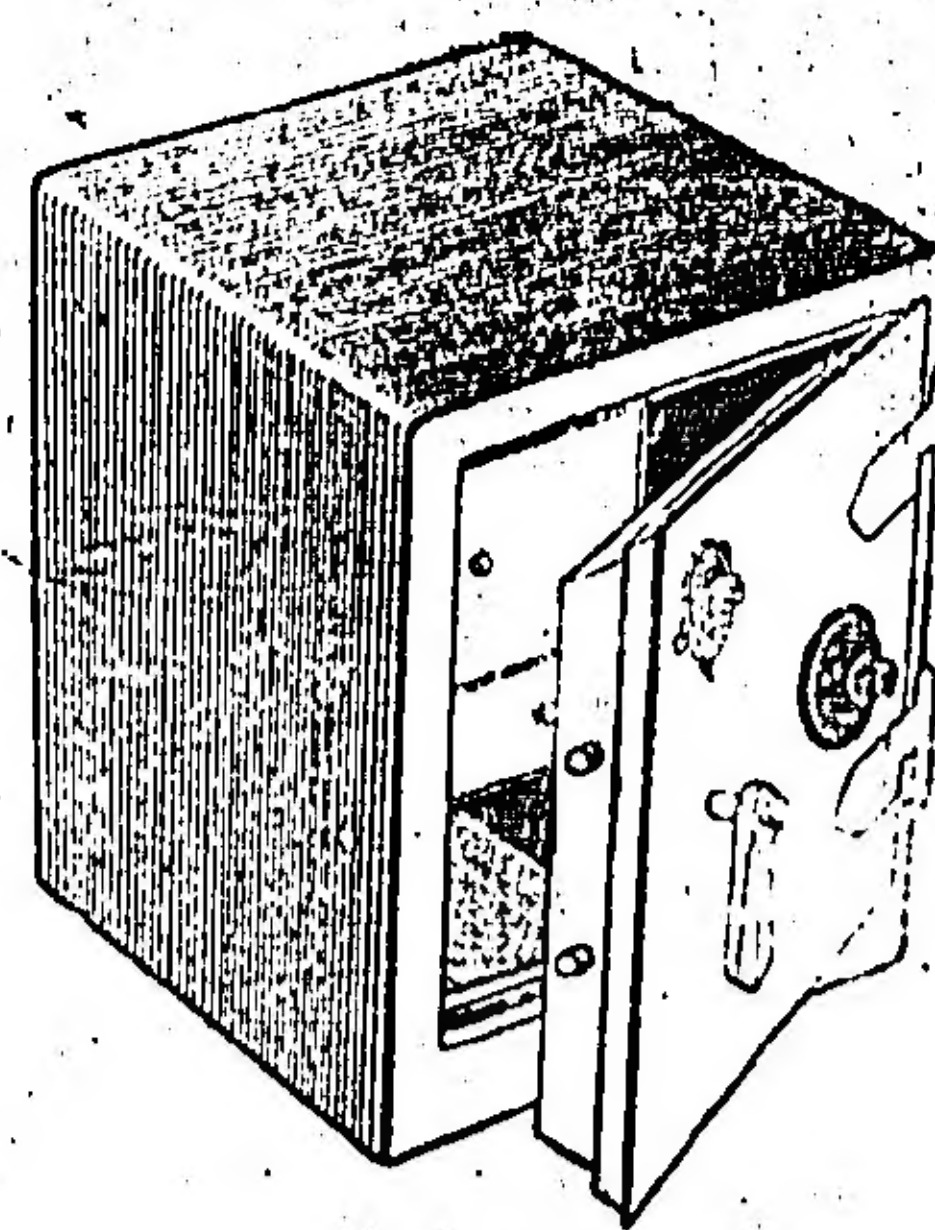
FINALLY Lou was led into the little room with the big chair and strapped in—but he wasn't through yet. When the executioner threw the switch, all that happened was a crackling flash from the fuse box.

"Da fuse ain't big enough to carry da load," advised Lou from under his helmet. "Ya need a bigger one."

A few minutes later he was very dead. Know-It-All Lou had finally come up with a suggestion that worked.

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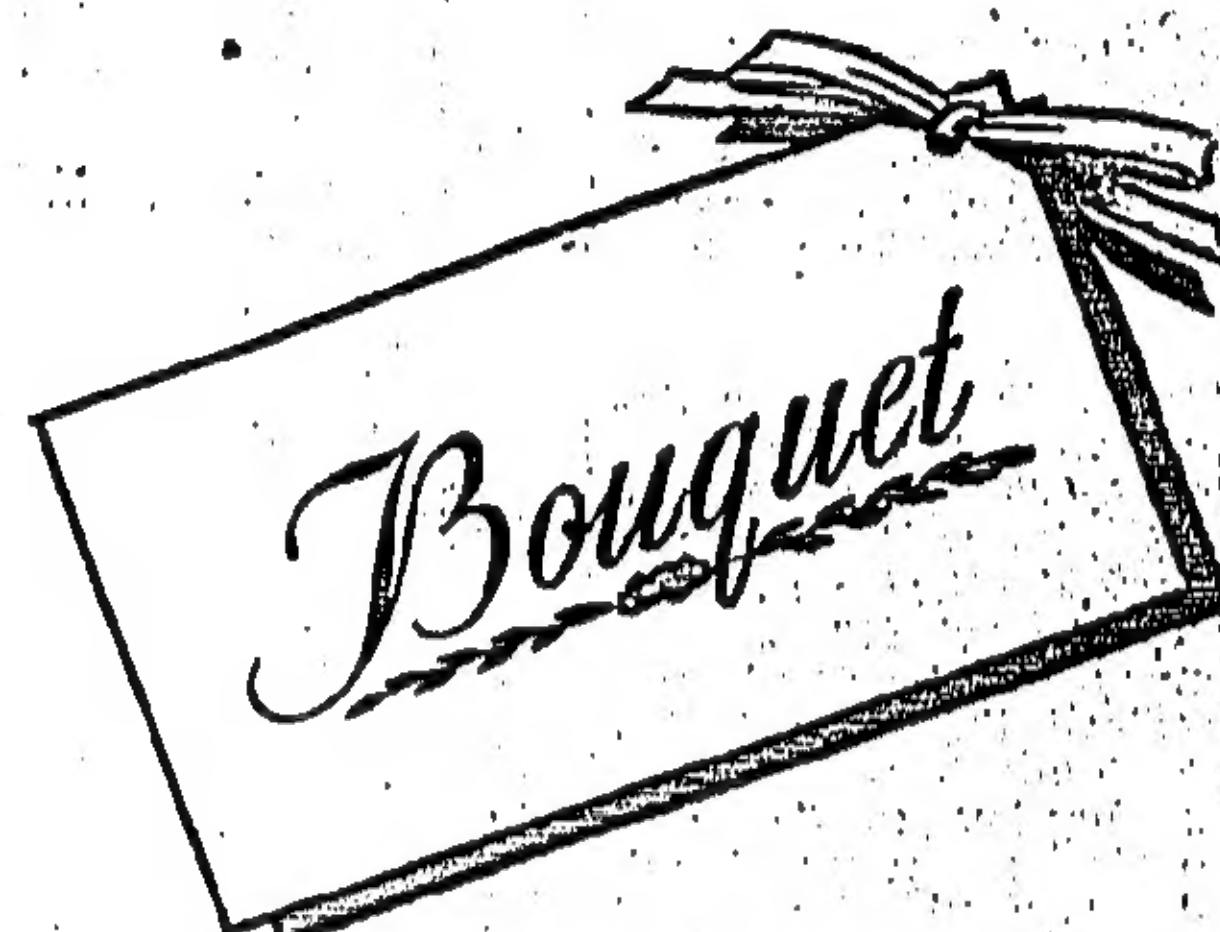


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MEMBERS of No. 2 Corps, Kowloon Division, which won the Trevor Shield, competed for by the St John Ambulance Brigade last Sunday. (Golden Studio)



HE the Governor and Lady Grantham being welcomed by Mr Francis Wu to the fifth International Salon of the Photographic Society of Hongkong. Left: The Governor keenly interested in a print. (Staff Photographer)



RIGHT: Diocesan Girls' School students in "The Invisible Duke," their offering in the inter-schools dramatic competition. (Staff Photographer)



BISHOP Ralph Ward (left), head of the American Methodist Church in China, Mr Bill Hines, who is succeeding Mr A. W. Ingram as Secretary of the European YMCA here, and Mrs Ward photographed when they arrived from Tientsin by the Taksang last week. (Staff Photographer)



ONE of the many colourful ancient Chinese dresses shown to a large and interested gathering at the American Club last week. (Staff Photographer)



MR Hu Hui-chai and Miss Chung Sul-ching, whose wedding took place last Saturday. A reception followed at the Hongkong Hotel. (Roy Tsang)

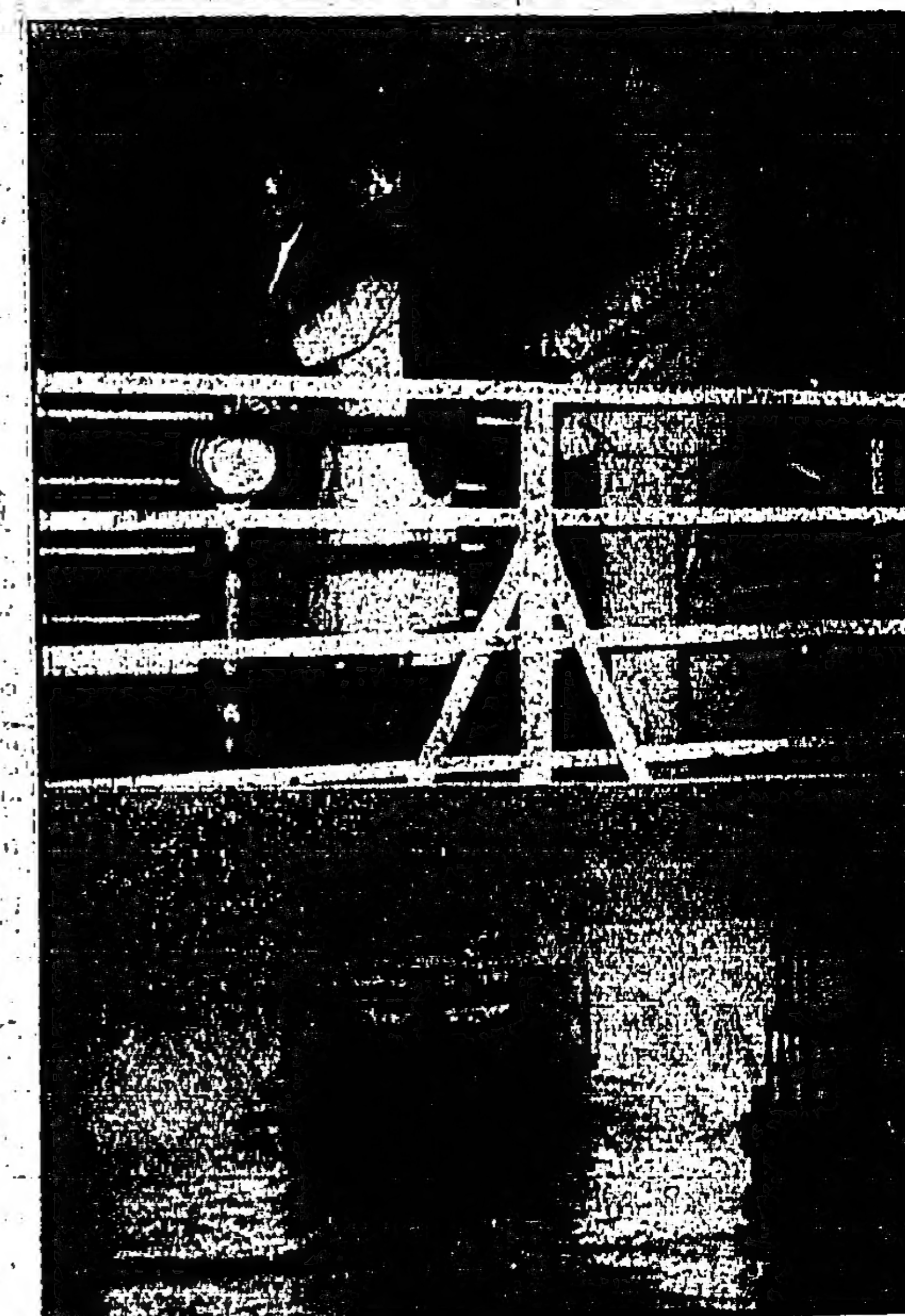


FAMILY group taken on the occasion of the christening, at the Holy Trinity Church last Sunday, of Peter John, youngest son of Mr and Mrs W. R. N. Hughes. (Staff Photographer)

RIGHT: At a cocktail party given in honour of Mr H. F. Morford, deputy manager of the London office of the Chartered Bank, at the Hongkong Hotel. From left: Mr C. A. Loiper, Mr Morford, Mr A. J. Bird and Mr Yung Hin-chiu. (Roy Tsang)



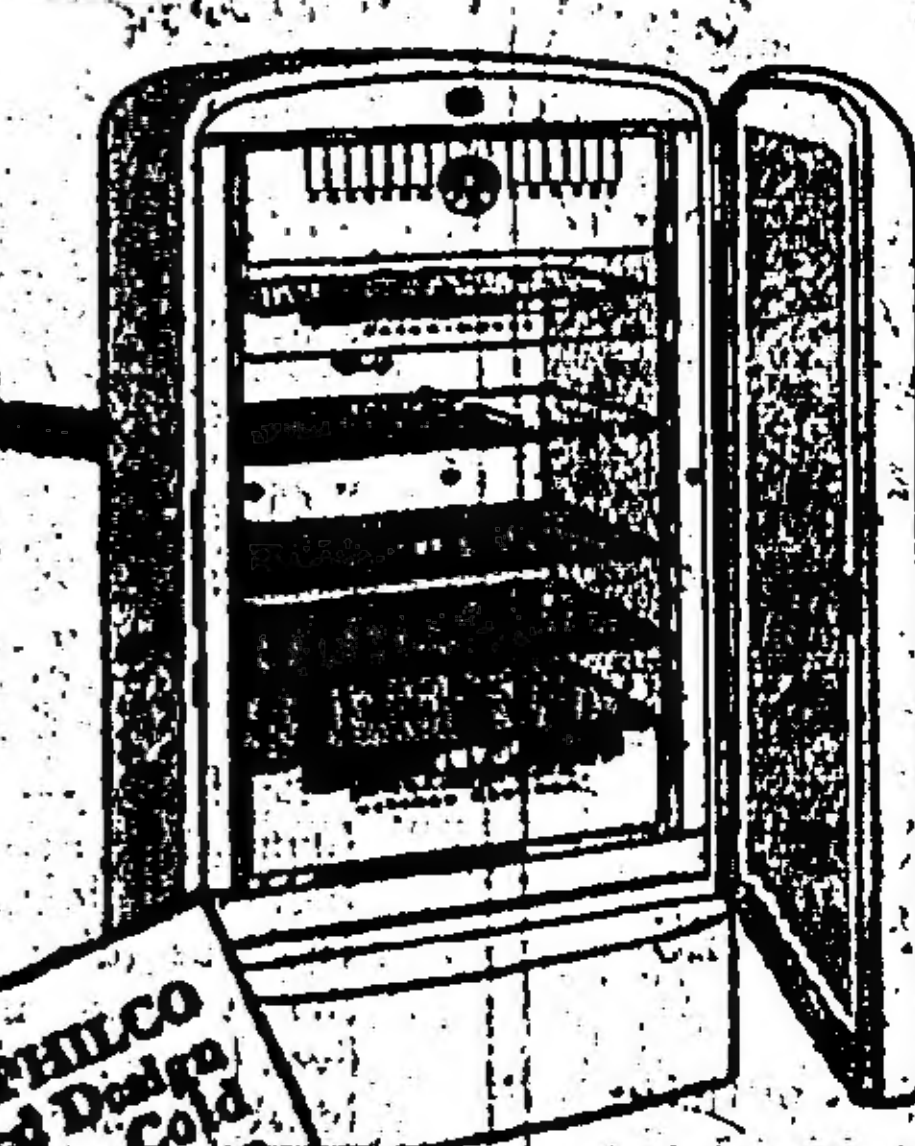
BELOW: Group picture taken after representatives of the Portuguese Association had made a presentation to Dr Eduardo Braxao (centre, front row), Portuguese Consul, on his impending departure from the Colony. (Roy Tsang)



UPPER picture: Mrs J. Jolly, wife of the Director of Marine, launching the new vehicular ferry, Man On, at Kowloon Dockyard last Tuesday. Lower picture: The new ferry slides into the water through a firecracker smoke-screen. (Staff Photographer)

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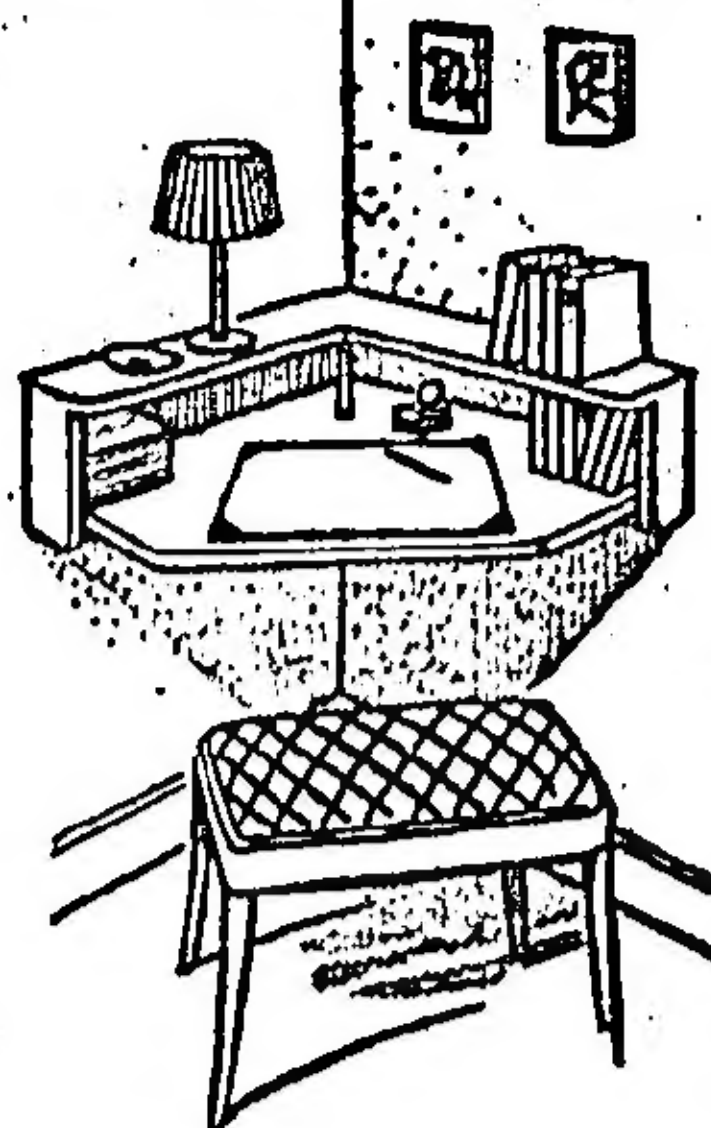
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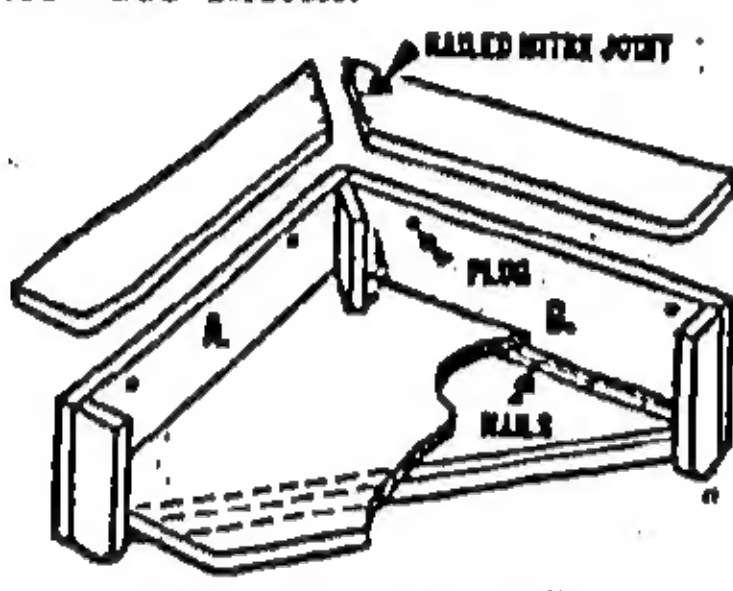
Our Saturday Page home-crafter finds a quiet corner in the home.



THERE is always too much going on in our sitting-room to make it a good place for letter-writing or doing the household accounts.

To provide a quiet writing corner we suggest this simple wall desk in your bedroom.

**1ST STEP:** The desk is constructed on the boards A and B. They are 2ft. by 10ins. and then B is cut the thickness of the timber shorter. The two boards fit side to side in the corner—see sketch.

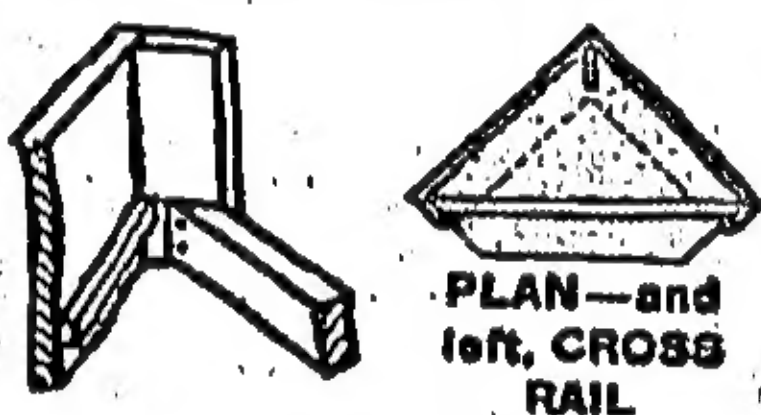


HOW TO ASSEMBLE

**SECOND STEP:** Side pieces, 3 1/2 in. by 10 in. are screwed on the outside ends of the boards to carry the shelf.

**THIRD STEP:** A supporting bar for the writing surface, 2 in. by 1 in. in section, is cut at an angle and screwed into the back of the side pieces—see the small diagram. Both diagrams show how a narrow fillet is nailed to the boards to carry the back edge of the writing surface.

**FOURTH STEP:** Cut the writing surface to fit, drop into place and fix with four slim screws from beneath.



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**FIFTH STEP:** The shelf is made from two equal pieces, 2ft. by 6 in. rounded at the outside corners and mitred to fit in the angle.

**SIXTH STEP:** Plug the wall so that the working surface will be 2ft. 6 in. from the floor and screw the filament to the wall. (Take care to find uprights in a lath-and-plaster wall.) Two strong screws in each board.

All the screws on the sides and the top of the desk should be countersunk and filled with plastic wood so that the surface can be sandpapered and painted.

## Kitchen Fun For The Children

Psychologists say that children learn all manner of desirable traits when they are allowed to share the household tasks. One of the American leading progressive schools found that the children liked best not their expensive gymnasium but the model kitchen!

Stuffed dates offers a nice first kitchen lesson, as does mixing drinks, tasks that quite small youngsters can enjoy. Stuff pitted dates with nutmeats or other favourite filling, roll in sugar, by shaking a few at a time in a paper bag with granulated sugar; that's the job for quite small fry.

### Kitchen Lesson

Here's a stuffing that the kids can do themselves. Cut 1/2 lb. marshmallows into quarters with wet scissors; stuff each date with a piece, leaving cut side up. Dip in sifted coconut. To 1/3 c. peanut butter, add slowly 5 tbsp. fresh orange juice and 1/2 tsp. grated orange rind. Stuff dates and sprinkle with chopped, salted peanuts.

To prepare a healthful, pleasing drink also a fully ripe banana into a bowl and beat with rotary egg beater or electric mixer until creamy. Strain through a small mesh wire strainer with a spoon. Add 1/2 c. condensed milk, 1/2 c. orange juice, 1/2 c. sugar, mixing thoroughly. Serve in a glass, garnish one large or a medium-sized drink.

## CHOOSE YOUR BIRTHDAY STONE

Were you born in November?  
There is an old rhyme which runs:  
"Firm friendship is November's and she bears  
True love beneath the topaz that she wears."

THE topaz, birthstone of those born in November, was well known to the ancients. A topaz is among the nine precious stones in the Nan Ratan, the most important and sacred ornament in the Burmese regalia. Pliny, who called the topaz the "Stone of Strength," stated that the gem's name was derived from the island of Topazon in the Red Sea.

### Supposed virtues

The Roman Emperor Hadrian, was among those who believed in the powers of the topaz. He possessed a ring bore an inscription prophesying good luck to the wearer. The ancients believed that the powers of the topaz increased as the moon waxed and decreased as it waned. In the Middle Ages, a topaz set in gold and hung about the neck was believed to give protection against enchantment. Among its other supposed virtues were its ability to cure insomnia and illnesses of the throat and lungs. In more recent times, the topaz has been credited with the power to ensure a lover's fidelity and the loyalty of friends.

### The colours

The colours of topaz are many, including blue, light green, sherry, rose and of

course, yellow. The Empress of Austria possessed a famous pink topaz, which was oval in shape and over one and one-quarter inches in length. This magnificent gem has now been re-cut by a London jeweller and set in a ring. Gold is still the most popular setting for the topaz, as can be seen in the highly fashionable "bib" necklaces with matching "chandelier" earrings and bracelets which radiate the unsurpassable glow achieved by the combination of the golden topaz with golden metal.

### Or were you born in the Christmas month?

The turquoise, birthstone of the December-born, is so called because, in ancient times, it was carried through Turkey on its way to Europe from Persia. This lovely blue-green gem, which is enormously popular today and figures prominently in a variety of jewel creations, has for centuries been considered the stone for lovers, since it is said to dispel the jealousy of rivals and to ensure the fidelity of those in love.

### Turks' talisman

The Turks looked upon this gem as the horseman's talisman. It is supposed to protect both the rider and his mount, and to guard the rider against fatigue on long journeys. The oldest dated piece of jewellery is said to be an Egyptian bracelet set with turquoise, which probably came from the ancient mines of the Sinai Peninsula. The finest turquoise has always come from Persia, which undoubtedly accounts for its being regarded by the Persians as their national gem.

### Most prized

No peoples, however, have regarded turquoise with as much admiration as the Indians of the American South-west, who mined the gem for centuries before the coming of the white man and who struggled against their conquerors for possession of the deposits. The Navajos Indians, in particular, treasured the turquoise more

than any other articles and still trade rugs, ponies and other possessions for it.



## New Patterns—How To Choose And Use Them



A PATTERN or diagram is your architect's plan for a garment. Make use of it. You want a fashion-right garment to be first, becoming; second, completely functional; not quaint. You want it to be right in every way for you. So choose your pattern or plan with the idea that an artist has styled it.

**Patterns Are Intriguing**  
The season's new fashion books and the newspaper patterns are intriguing. The styles in the main, easy to develop, IF—and we make it a big one—you choose your pattern in a fashion that, in its detail, is on a par with your sewing skill!

Look at the pattern where the sleeve comes. Is it becoming to you? Ask yourself the same question about the fullness in waist portion. And the skirt—does it provide enough fullness for you to sit comfortably?

Is there enough fullness—or too much—over the bust? Is the neckline one to flatter you?

Short necks can well do without bulky collars. Large waistlines should ever fight shy of the draped waistline or wide belt or girdle.

Read the instructions given with the pattern. Note the kind of fabric the designer recommends.

From the recommended fabrics, choose one you know is becoming to you. Crepes and jerseys are more slimming than taffeta, corduroy, more than velvet. Plain wool crepe is less conspicuous for larger figures than a plaid.

### Look Your Best

Know your type—the silhouette you look your best in and feel most comfortable in; then choose from the new patterns one that meets those requirements and pleases you most.

When you have your pattern, buy your fabric, with thread right in colour, right buttons, seam binding, shoulder padding—all the things that help to success with a dress!

When ready to cut, make it an occasion. Sit down, read the instruction sheet, identify each piece of the pattern.

**Pattern Alterations**  
Pin pattern together at seam-lines, and fit it to your figure, and observe yourself in a full-length mirror, checking for any pattern alterations necessary. A little time so spent will help prevent mistakes in cutting and will make the assembling of the garment easier, the result decidedly more gratifying.

Baste, stitch true lines in the seams, press. Trim away surplus corners, clip edge turns so they will lie flat.

MONDAY: BECOMING DRAPED BLOUSE

Continuing our Saturday series

## MANTRAP

The witness today is a man who has wide experience of Escape

By DRUSILLA BEYFUS

AMONG the occupational hazards of man-trapping is the man who murmurs mildly, "I'm easy to please." Eric Williams, the author of "The Wooden Horse"—which records his own remarkable escape from the Nazis—is another of these old deceivers.

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Explained layman Williams: "I like that full skirt. One always suspects corseting underneath the tight kind. The top should have little sleeves and rather less about the neck...."

He mentioned one or two of his own untutored ideas on what pleases him: "Soft black silk is the right material. I do enjoy a rustling skirt. I'd like a necklace too—in silver and amethyst, but no earrings."

The trap herself would get most places on her face-value alone. "Her eyes should be long and brown, with well-



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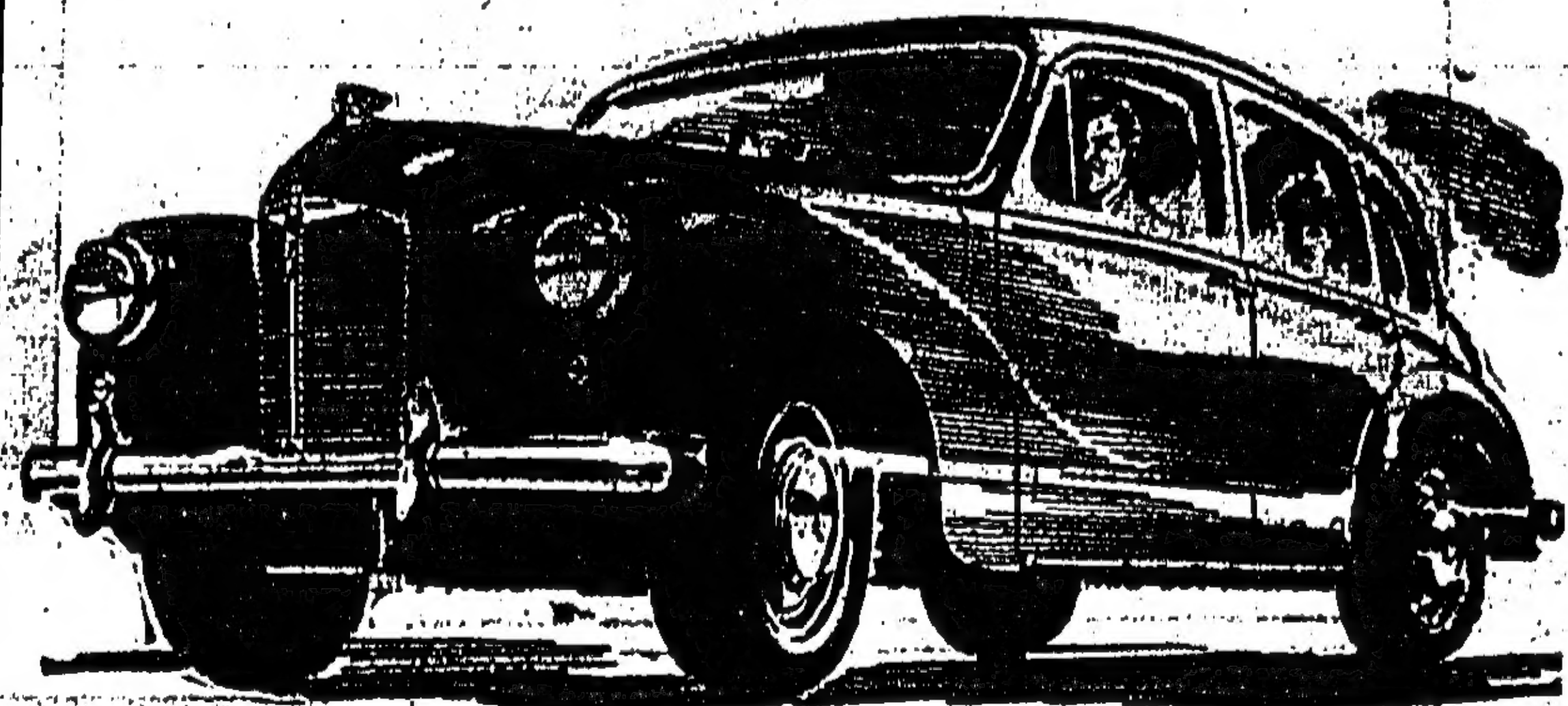
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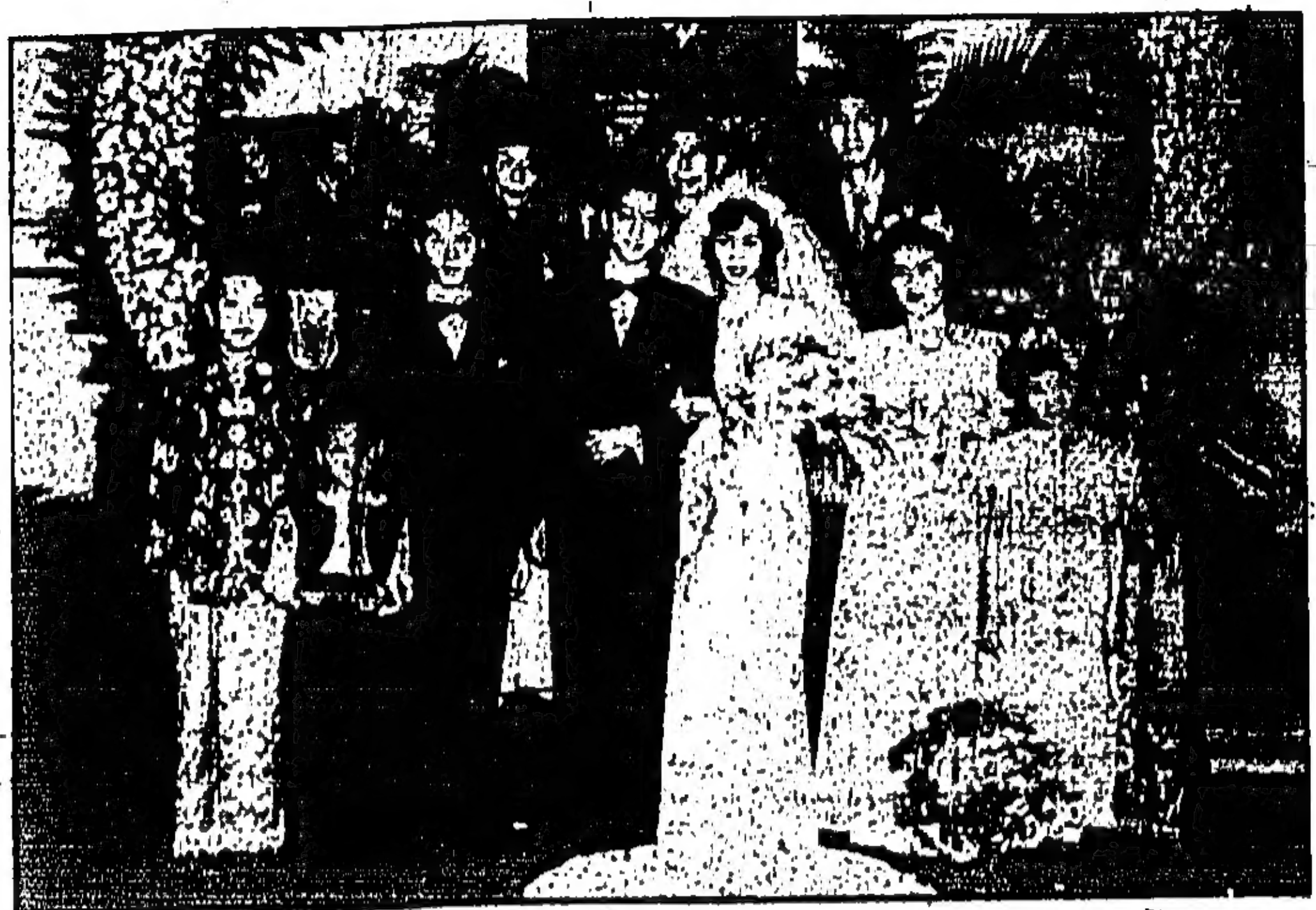
MR J. B. Clark (centre), deputy director of the BBC Overseas Programme, seen with Mr L. C. Savillo (left), Postmaster-General, and Mr Curtis Hindson, Programme Secretary, in the studios of Radio Hongkong. (Staff Photographer)



PICTURE taken last Sunday at St Barbara's Church, Stanley Fort, on the occasion of the christening of Iain Charles Stuart Wilson, infant son of Major and Mrs John Dacre. (Staff Photographer)



SYLVIA, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. J. Picciotto, celebrated her fourth birthday last Sunday. Here she is seen blowing out the candles on the birthday cake. (Roy Tsang)



BRIDAL group taken at the Chinese Baptist Church, Cairns Road, on Monday following the wedding of Mr Hung Hin-shiu and Miss Young Pong-wah. (Ming Yuen)



MR Zygmunt Salomon and his bride, formerly Miss Mary Magdalene Tellis, photographed with friends after their wedding at St Teresa's Church recently. (Staff Photographer)



MR Y. K. Jam and Miss S. Y. Lin, whose marriage took place at the Registry on Monday. (Francis Wu)



THE Director of Marine, Mr James Jolly (left), making a presentation to Cadet Nigel J. Pearson, of the mv Hindustan, who won the Thomas Gray Memorial Trust Prize of the Royal Society of Arts for excellence in examinations of the Merchant Navy Training Board. (Staff Photographer)



MRS L. Benjamin and Mrs M. Chow receiving prizes from Mrs M. Fincher at the prize presentation of the Kowloon Cricket Club tennis section last week. A tea dance followed the presentation. (Staff Photographer)



AFTER the christening of Freda Margaret, daughter of Mr and Mrs F. Lowe, at St John's Cathedral last Sunday. (Francis Wu)



ON the right are Inspector F. E. Channing, who is retiring from the Hongkong Police Force, and Mrs Channing, seen at a farewell party given in their honour at the Police Recreation Club, Kowloon, last week. Mr Thomas Cashman, ADCI (left), made a presentation to them on behalf of colleagues in the Force. (Staff Photographer)



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MR Lau Sheung-yan and Miss Tsang Hui-lee, winners of the 1955-56 season, announced at a party held in the Golden City Restaurant last week. (Ming Yuen)



MR and Mrs T. E. MacLean with their daughter, Derek, Elizabeth, Jeffrey, whom christening took place at the Union Church last Sunday. (Ming Yuen)

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## "THE HINGE OF FATE": CHAPTER 22

# AUCHINLECK RELIEVED; ALEXANDER APPOINTED

THE doubts I had about the High Command in the Middle East were fed continually by the reports which I received from many quarters. It became urgently necessary for me to go there and settle the decisive questions on the spot. It was at first accepted that this journey would be by Gibraltar and Takoradi and thence across Central Africa to Cairo, involving five or even six days' flying.

As this would carry me through tropical and malarious regions, a whole series of protective injections was prescribed. Some of these would take 10 days to give their immunity, and involved considerable discomfort and even inactivity meanwhile. Several members of the War Cabinet also took a very close and friendly interest in my welfare, and became an opposing factor to be reasoned with.

However, at this juncture there arrived in England a young American pilot, Captain Vanderkloot, who had just flown from the United States in the aeroplane "Commando," a Liberator plane from which the bomb-racks had been removed and some sort of passenger accommodation substituted. This machine was certainly capable of flying along the route prescribed with good margins in hand at all stages.

## Changed picture

Porter, the Chief of the Air Staff, saw this pilot and examined him about "Commando." Vanderkloot, who had already flown a million miles, asked why it was necessary to fly all round by Takoradi, Rangoon, Port Lamy, El Obaid, etc. He said he could fly in one bound from Gibraltar to Cairo. This altered the whole picture. I could be in Cairo in two days without any trouble

about Central African bugs and the inoculations against them. We were all anxious about the reaction of the Soviet Government to the unpleasant though inevitable news that there could be no crossing of the Channel in 1942.

It happened that on the night of July 28 I had the honour of entertaining the King to dinner with the War Cabinet in the proposed-up garden-room at Number 10, which we used for dining. At this stage the plan of my visiting Moscow and making personal contact with Marshal Stalin came to the fore, and enlisted much support among my colleagues.

I obtained His Majesty's approval privately, and immediately he had gone, brought the Ministers, who were in a good frame of mind, into the Cabinet Room and clinched matters. It was settled that I did go to Cairo in any case, and should propose to Stalin that I should go on to see him.

## Draughty bomber

We started after midnight on Sunday, August 2, from Lyneham in the bomber "Commando." This was a very different kind of travel from the comforts of the Boeing flying-boats. The bomber was at this time unheated, and razor-edged draughts cut in through many chinks. There were no beds, but two shelves in the cabin enabled me and Sir Charles Wilson (now Lord Moran), my doctor, to lie down. There were plenty of blankets

We reached Gibraltar uneventfully on the morning of Aug. 3, spent the day looking round the fortress, and started at 8 p.m. for Cairo, a hop of 2,000 miles or more, as the detours necessary to avoid the hostile aircraft around the Desert battle were considerable. Vanderkloot, in order to have more petrol in hand, did not continue down the Mediterranean till darkness fell, but

flew straight across the Spanish zone and the Vichy quasi-hostile territory.

No one molested us in the air, and we did not come within cannon-shot of any important town. All the same I was glad when darkness cast her shroud over the ferocity of the landscape and we could retire to such sleeping accommodation as "Commando" could offer.

It was my practice on these journeys to sit in the co-pilot's seat before sunrise, and when I reached it on this morning of August 4 there in the pale glimmering dawn the endless winding silver ribbon of the Nile stretched joyously before us. Often had I seen the day break on the Nile. In war and peace I had traversed by land or water almost its whole length, except the "Dongola Loop," from Lake Victoria to the sea. Never had the glint of daylight on its waters been so welcome to me.

Now for a short spell I became "the man on the spot." Instead of sitting at home waiting for the news from the front I could send it myself. This was exhilarating.

The following issues had to be settled in Cairo. Had Gen. Auchinleck or his staff lost the confidence of the Desert Army? If so, should he be relieved, and who could succeed him? In dealing with a commander of the highest character and quality, of proved ability and resolution, such decisions are painful. In order to fortify my own judgment I had urged Gen. Smuts to come from South Africa to the scene, and he was already at the Embassy when I arrived.

## Lot of business

We spent the morning together and I told him all our troubles and the choices that were open. In the afternoon I had a long talk with Auchinleck, who explained the military position very clearly. The next morning, at his request, I saw Gen. Corbett (C.G.S.,

Middle East), of whom the Commander-in-Chief had a very high opinion.

He told me that Auchinleck was anxious to lay down the command of the Eighth Army at the earliest moment and return to his wider sphere in Cairo. He then surprised me by saying: "I am to succeed him in command of the Army. In fact, I have been living with my kit packed for the last week." This arrangement had certainly not been considered by us.

After luncheon Gen. Wavell arrived from India, and at six o'clock I held a meeting with the Middle East, attended by all the authorities—Smuts, Casey, the C.I.G.S., Wavell, Auchinleck, Adml. Harwood and Tedder for the Air. We did a lot of business with a very great measure of agreement. But all the time my mind kept turning to the prime question of the command.

## "Strafer" Gott

It is not possible to deal with changes of this character without reviewing the alternatives. In this part of the problem the Chief of the Imperial General Staff whose duty it was to appraise the quality of our generals, was my adviser. Alexander and Montgomery had both fought with him in the battle which enabled us to get back to Dunkirk in May, 1940. We both greatly admired Alexander's magnificent conduct in the hopeless campaign to which he had been committed in Burma. Montgomery's reputation stood high. If it were decided to relieve Auchinleck we had no doubt that Alexander must be ordered to carry the load in the Middle East.

But the feelings of the Eighth Army must not be overlooked. Might it not be taken as a reproach upon them and all their commanders of every grade if two men were sent from England to supersede all those who had fought in the

desert? Here Gen. Gott seemed in every way to meet the need. The troops were devoted to him and he had not earned the title "Strafer" by anything. But then there was the view which Brooke reported to me that he was very tired and needed a rest.

On August 5, I visited the Alamein positions. I drove with Gen. Auchinleck in his car to the extreme right flank of the line west of El Ruweisat, which was held by the Australian 9th Division. Thence we proceeded along the front to his headquarters behind the Ruweisat ridge, where we were given breakfast in a wire-netted cube, full of flies and important military personages.

I had asked for various officers to be brought, but above all Gen. "Strafer" Gott. Having made the acquaintance of the various Corps and Divisional Commanders who were present, I asked that Gen. Gott should drive with me to the airfield, which was my next stop. And here was my first and last meeting with Gott. As we rumbled and jolted over the rough tracks I looked into his clear blue eyes and questioned him about himself. Was he tired, and had he any views to give?

Gott said that no doubt he was tired, and that he would like nothing better than three months' leave in England, which he had not seen for several years, but he declared himself quite capable of further immediate efforts and of taking any responsibilities confided to him. We parted at the airfield at two o'clock on the afternoon of August 5. By the same hour two days later he had been killed by the enemy in almost the very air spaces through which I now flew.

## Nervousness

At the airfield I was handed over to Air Vice-Marshal Conyngham, who, under Tedder, commanded all the air-power which had worked with the Army, and without whose activity the immense retreat of 500 miles could never have been accomplished, without even greater disasters than we had suffered. We flew in a quarter of an hour to his headquarters, where luncheon was provided, and where all the leading Air Officers, from Group-Captains upwards, were gathered.

I was conscious of an air of nervousness in my hosts from the moment of my arrival. The food had all been ordered from Shepherd's Hotel. A special car was bringing down the dainties of Cairo. But it had gone astray. Frantic efforts were being made to find it. At last it arrived.

This turned out to be a gay occasion in the midst of care and a real oasis in a very large desert. It was not difficult to perceive how critical the Air was of the Army, and how both Air and Army were astonished at the reverse which had befallen our superior forces.

## Command division

All the next day, the 5th, I spent with Brooke and Smuts, and in drafting the necessary telegrams to the Cabinet. The questions that had now to be settled not only affected the high personalities, but also the entire structure of command in this vast theatre. I had always felt that the name "Middle East" for Egypt, the Levant, Syria, and Turkey was ill-chosen. This was the Near East. Persia and Iraq were the Middle East; India, Burma and Malaya the Far East. But far more important than changing names, I felt it necessary to divide the existing Middle East Command, which was far too diverse and expansive.

Prime Minister to Deputy Prime Minister. 6 Aug., '42, 8.15 p.m.

As a result of such inquiry as I have made here, and after prolonged consultations with Field-Marshal Smuts, and C.I.G.S. and Minister of State, I have come to the conclusion that a drastic and immediate change is needed in the High Command.

## View accepted

I therefore propose that the Middle East Command shall be reorganised into two separate Commands, namely: (a) "Near East Command," comprising Egypt, Palestine, and Syria, with its centre in Cairo, and

(b) "Middle East Command," comprising Persia and Iraq with its centre in Basra or Baghdad.

The Eighth and Ninth Armies fall within the first and the Tenth Army in the second of these Commands.

Gen. Auchinleck to be offered the post of C-in-C. the new Middle East Command. The title remains the same, but its scope is reduced. It may, however, become more important later.

Gen. Alexander to be Commander-in-Chief the Near East.

Gen. Montgomery to succeed Alexander in "Torch" (French North Africa).

Gen. Gott to command the Eighth Army under Alexander.

The War Cabinet accepted my view about drastic and immediate changes in the High Command. They warmly approved the selection of Gen. Alexander and said that he would leave England at once. They did not, however, like the idea of reorganising the Middle East Command into two separate Commands. It seemed to them that the reasons which led to the setting-up of the unified Command were now stronger than they had been when the decision to do so was taken in December, 1941. They agreed that Montgomery should take Alexander's place in "Torch," and had summoned him to London at once. Finally, they were content to leave it to me to settle the other appointments.

## On the spot

The next morning I sent the following further explanation of my proposals:

Prime Minister to Deputy Prime Minister. 8/7 Aug. 42.

Our proposal to divide the Command is made entirely on merits. I doubt if the disasters would have occurred in the Western Desert if Gen. Auchinleck had not been distracted by the divergent considerations of a too widely extended front. He would have taken direct command of the battle which began at the end of May but for reluctance to become "immersed in tactical problems in Libya." This phrase in itself reveals the false proportion engendered by extraneous responsibilities. It is in fact "the tactical problems of Libya" which dominate our immediate affairs.

The War Cabinet replied that my telegram had not entirely removed their misgivings, but that as I was on the spot with Smuts and C.I.G.S., who both agreed with the proposal, they were prepared to authorise the action proposed. They strongly represented, however, that the continuance of the title of Commander-in-Chief, Middle East, if Gen. Auchinleck were appointed to command in Persia and Iraq, would lead to confusion and misrepresentation. I saw this was right and accepted their advice.

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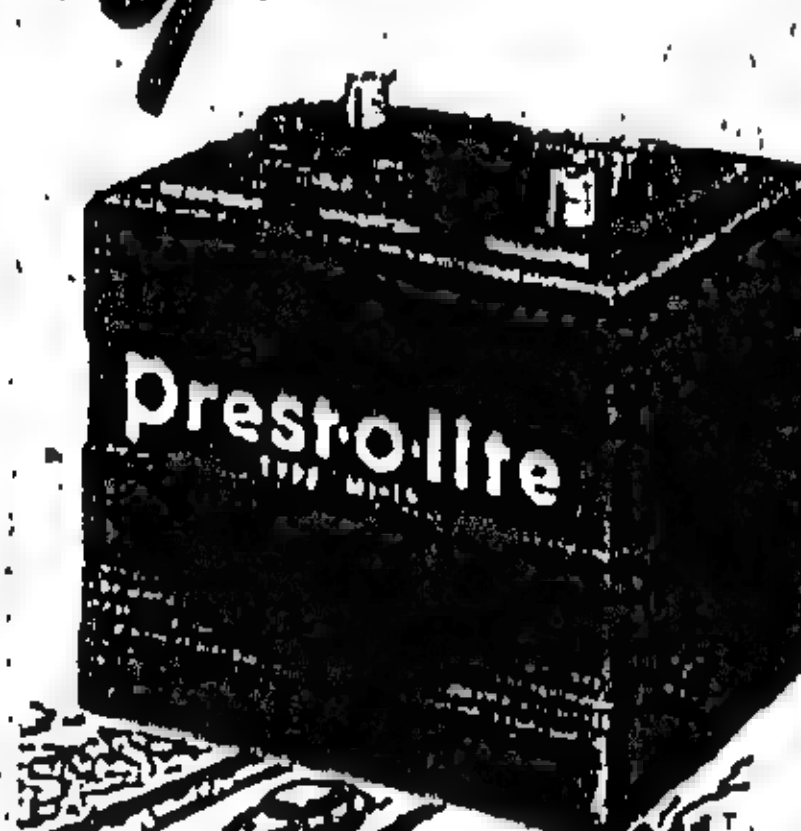


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Tuberculosis is a contagious disease—avoid people who have it.

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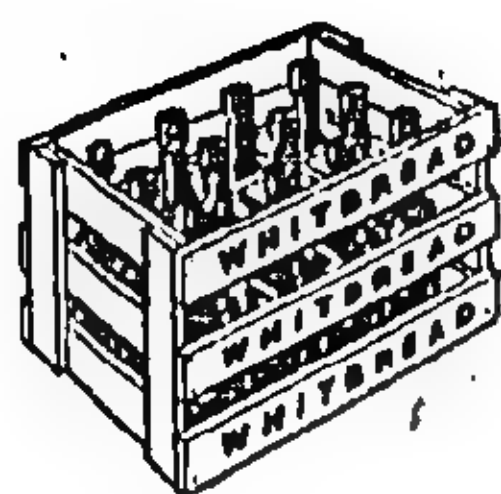
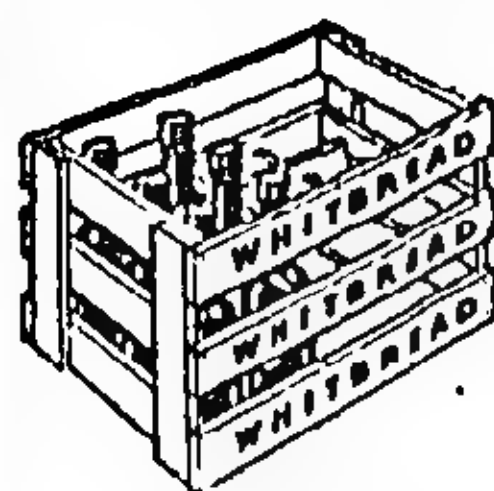


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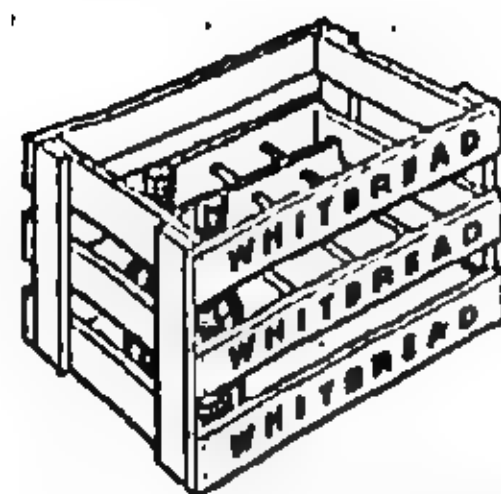


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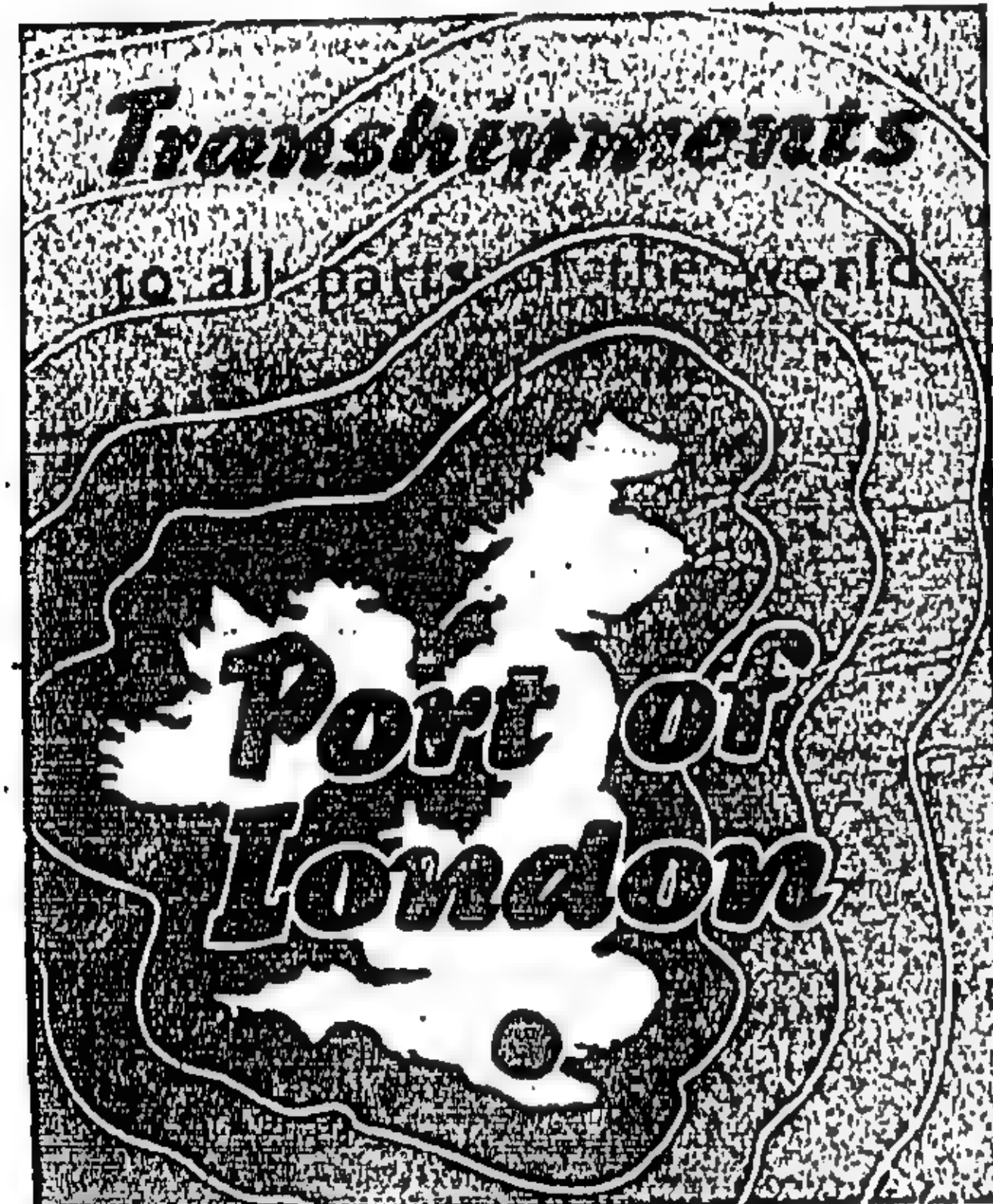


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looked the "faunal farouche," the mind "brilliantly coloured as a tropical bird."

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Ronald Firbank, rich, invalid author of precious novels, leaves a fainter impression. As the writer of a postcard: "Tomorrow I go to Hurl. They say President is a perfect dear." As the owner of a palm-tree which he carried from one London flat to another. It was watered twice a day by a gardener whose green balzo apron pleased Firbank—"just like being in the country."

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But it would be wrong to suppose that Noble Essences is a compilation of stories. It is rich in detailed yet vivid descriptions of scenes and people, the product of an astonishing memory. It closes in a passage of sombre eloquence touched with self-approval.

And are we to have no more Osbert Sitwell? There is hint of a new "design"—"if I am allowed the time."

In such matters there need be no undue haste. As Lytton Strachey replied to the young man who said, "Do you realise it's five years since we met?"

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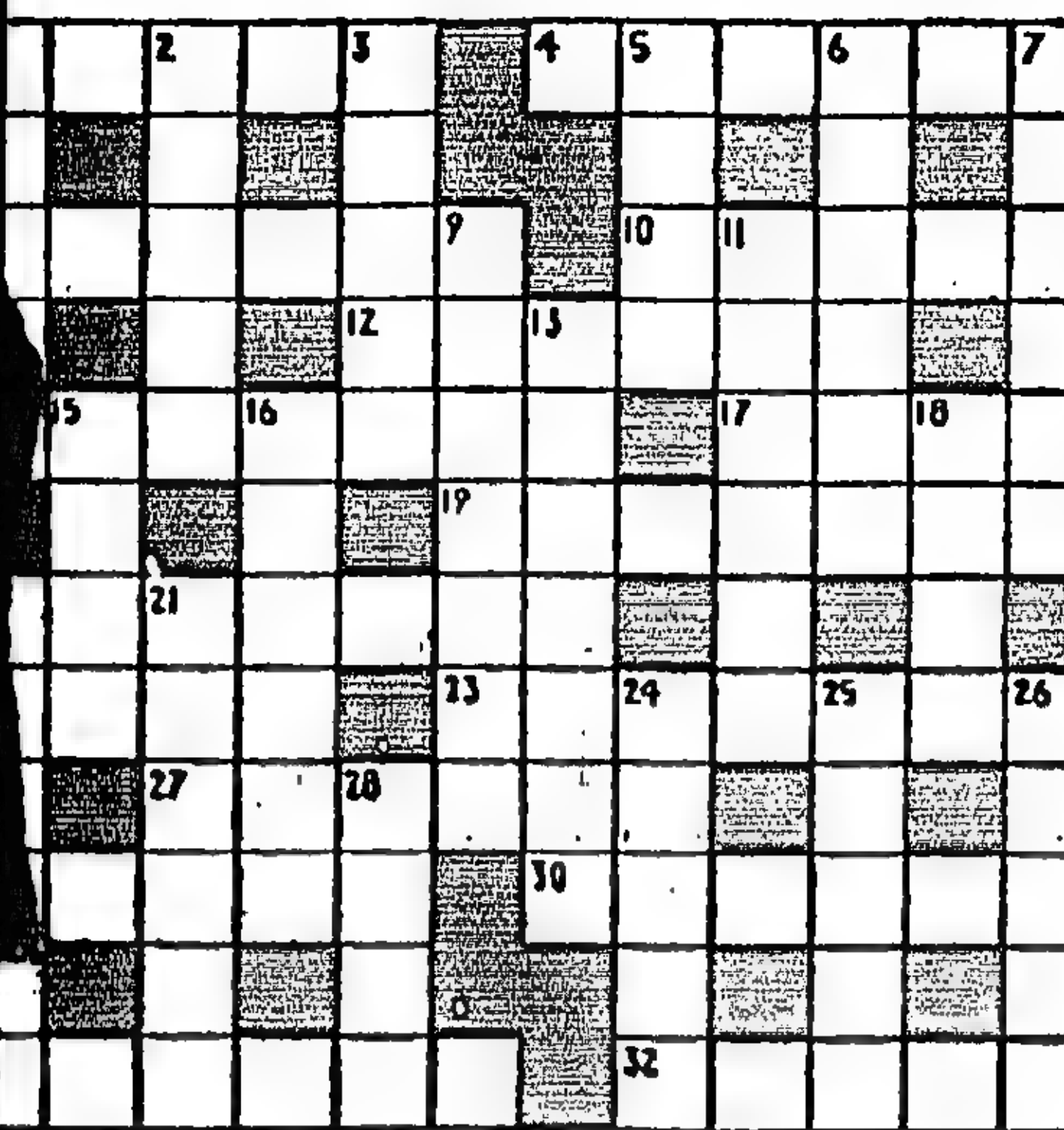
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  - 8 Scuminess
  - 9 Rank
  - 10 Venerates
  - 11 Not new
  - 12 Tie
  - 13 Flaky mineral
  - 14 Control
  - 15 Excursion
  - 16 Transplant living tissue
  - 17 Spread abroad
  - 18 Product
  - 19 Keen
- DOWN
- 1 Fundamental
  - 2 Eastern language
  - 3 Out of doors
  - 4 Sharp
  - 5 Extreme fright
  - 6 So enough
  - 7 Wine
  - 8 Gorge
  - 9 Dance
  - 10 Approach
  - 11 Press
  - 12 Enlarging cutter
  - 13 Imitating
  - 14 Irony
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## "Thanksgiving BY KEMP STARRBT"











# OPENING MATCHES TODAY IN THE PENTANGULAR RUGBY TOURNAMENT

## Club Meet Navy & Army Take On RAF At Happy Valley BY "AXIOM"

Extensive daily watering and a mid-week drizzle have whetted the appetites of all intending spectators of the opening Pentangular Rugby Tournament match between the Club and the Navy.

Based purely on the merits of their display last week, the Navy are at long last out of the rut, not since the mid-thirties, when they reigned supreme, have the Senior Service been able to field such a star-studded fifteen as will line up on Saturday at 4.15 on the Club ground.

With the Commandos no longer in evidence, this revival is indeed a stimulus to local rugby, over which the Club and Army have held sway for four seasons. The Club, holders for three years, cannot be any too happy about the outcome of today's struggle.

### The FA Cup

## THE 500-TO-ONE CHANCES TAKE UP THE RUNNING

By IVAN SHARPE

Over 500 clubs having been knocked out of the FA Cup, the stage is now reached at which the 500-1 chances take up the running.

That is roughly the situation surrounding the draw tomorrow for the first round of the competition proper.

Entering the hunt now are the 25 survivors and 43 exempted clubs—42 from the Third Division and the FA Amateur Cupholders, Willington.

These 500-1 chances will be reduced from 68 to 17 in the next two rounds, and then the first and second Division clubs begin the battle—the real thing.

### THE VOTE

The FA, as I have told you are proposing to cut out the million-to-one-against entries and to streamline their Cup competitions in this way:

FA Cup for about 150 clubs, including all 92 Football League members and, as now, 14 welcome entries from Wales. Intermediate Cup, a new tournament for minor professional clubs.

FA Amateur Cup, also pruned of weaklings.

Recently they circularised the clubs concerned and, from all I can gather up and down the country, the voting will work out something like this:

Football League clubs: in favour.

Intermediate clubs: fifty-fifty.

Senior amateur clubs: in favour.

Junior amateur clubs: in opposition.

### IT WILL COME

This isn't surprising. Rightly or wrongly, the smaller amateur clubs—the million-to-one chances in the FA Cup—see more to lose than to gain. And in numbers, of course, they are in the majority.

Tradition also counts, of course, so when the Cup controllers receive the result of the voting at their meeting it may be contended that the case for so broad a change has not yet been established.

But the wheels have been set moving, and I have a feeling that modernising the national cup competitions is definitely on the way.

### INCENTIVES

Major Buckley is on the war-path again. Stressing the League clubs' need of more money, he says the time has come to utilise the football pools. That isn't new, but this is:

"We shall not get better football until the players have a greater incentive. We have reached the position when the football wage isn't enough for the star; another job has to be found for him as well.

"Obviously the time has come, therefore, to remove the wage-limit of £12 and £10 a week. If a man is about the best in the country in his position, he is entitled to capitalise his merits, and I would have no hesitation in legalising the payment also of a retaining fee of, say, a lump sum of £500 or more for his services over a number of years.

"The cry will be that the best players would be cornered by the wealthy clubs in a few cities like London, Birmingham, Manchester, Liverpool and Newcastle. But they can't corner all the stars. They can only use so many. Too many good players are lost to the game.

"Young players are brought forward too soon and are spoiled by writers who are too young for their work, and perhaps never kicked a football in their lives.

"Let us stop all international matches until we find players who are worthy of them."

"Higher pay will be an incentive to better football and will also call in better-class recruits.

"Unless we move, the world will get more Colombas and Bogotas to carry off our players.

"I have always believed the U.S.A. will take up Association football in a big way. Then they will set a pace for us.

"Their victory over England in the World Cup may be a blessing in disguise if it helps to put the game in the States really on its feet."

The man who raised £110,000 for the Wolves in transfer fees in four years and still kept the club challenging for the Cup and League double, would also do away with the seven-and-a-half percent limit on football dividends, and would give all Third Division clubs votes.

Leeds United's Major Buckley, having never pulled his punches, is one of the experts who should be called before the FA Committee that is now examining the game's shortcomings.

### DO YOU AGREE?

The old-timers are at me again. Listen to T.R. Plew of Moston, Manchester, who clearly knows what he is talking about:

"When I was a youth I was always told trade union membership meant one man, one job. How, then, can the Players' Union allow its members to take any jobs they like and no complaints made?

"Surely the time has come for the Union to see that members stick to football and nothing else until their playing days are over.

"Then, and only then, shall we begin to see the player as a master of the ball, following full-time training.

"Almost the last of the class backs has gone with the passing of Bert Sproston. Men like Cresswell, Wadsworth, Crompton and Pennington are things of the past.

"How many players can trap and move with the ball at the same time? You can count them on one hand.

"The watch football today makes me want to cover my eyes, at times. Such crude stuff it is, at £12 a week and bonus as well.

"The time has come to stop all international matches and all transfers for three or four years, and let all young players learn their trade as it should be earned, through the Central League.

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"Let us stop all international matches until we find players who are worthy of them."

The Navy have strengthened the side which did duty last week by including Welsh, an Irish cap, in the centre. Lemon, his partner, featured in the Harlequins fifteen, and with Norman, possessor of a clever side step, also on view, the club defenders look like having a busy afternoon.

### MUCH NEEDED PUNCH

Mitchell, another newcomer is expected to supply the much needed punch behind the scrum. The pack remains unaltered and testified to its prowess last Saturday, a most notable feature being its remarkable pushing in the tight. All eight shoved really hard. The same could not be said of the Army backrow.

In the lineouts, Fawcett, Thornycroft and Rodgers should ensure their backs a fair division of the ball, as their civilian counterparts still possess a peculiar aversion for jumping.

In the loose Kelly and Jones are more than capable of holding their own. The Club are taking longer to settle this season and I still feel have not decided on their best team.

It is true the pack are handicapped by the absence of both the regular wing-forwards, Warne and Hutson. Under the circumstances, Minto and Mosley perform in unaccustomed positions with credit.

Parquharson is still not making full use of his height, otherwise I don't think the scrum could be faulted.

### UNFORTUNATE

Outside, the civilians are unfortunate. Campbell and Layton, a good combination, are injured, so D. Henderson and De Rora have another opportunity to display their paces.

The latter gave first indications of a return to form during a mid-week match. This match certainly has the earmarks of a rousing struggle and should be well worth a visit.

The Army are not expected to go under at the hands of the RAF. The Airman, although showing all-round improvement in their last outing with the Army, are still not a strong enough combination to account for the soldiers, but the match should be of interest.

To commence the proceedings the Club Juniors oppose a Naval fifteen at 2.15 p.m., so one more followers of the carrying code have the opportunity of witnessing an un-interrupted three hours of their favourite sport.

### THE TEAMS

Teams are as follows:—

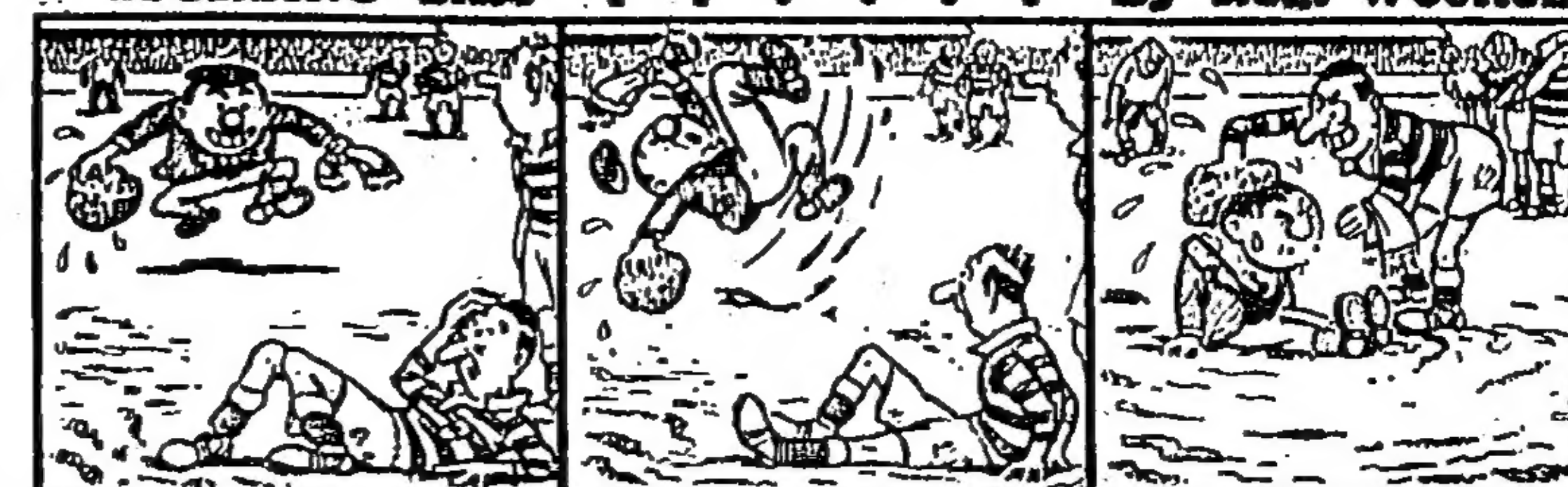
Navy: PO Pearce, CPO Tel. Williams, Surg. Lt. Walsh, Surg. Lt. Lemon, Sub. Lt. Barrett, Surg. Lt. Norman, Mid. Mitchell, Lt. Cdr. Thornycroft, Mr May, PO Bene, Lt. Howarth, Lt. Rodgers, Lt. Fawcett, Surg. Lt. Jones, Lt. Kelly.

Club: J.R. Henderson, De Rora, D.M. Henderson, Turville, Stewart, Nolan, Lochlan, Forsgate, Moffan, Carrel, Windward, Hancock, Minto, Mosley Parquharson.

Added to this is the fact that the hitters are not hitting this season, particularly cleanup batter A.H. Baker who averaged over 350 during the past four

### SPORTING SAM

By Reg. Wootton



### SOFTBALL

## The Spotlight Is Focussed This Week-End On The Junior Loop Giants

By 'GRANDSTAND'

The Senior League games carded this week are not likely to affect the current league standings in the pennant chase, as all games on schedule are between teams from the top bracket pitted against tailend outfits, with no possibility of an upset in the offing.

The main interest, however, will be focussed on the Junior League tussles in which the Dragons and Rexes, deadlocked for the top rung in the league ladder, grapple with each other in a diamond showdown at noon tomorrow. Dragons will also be tested this afternoon as they take on the unpredictable Vikings.

There will only be two ladies' games this week as the White Fangs cross bats with powerful St. Teresa's in a return encounter, while Wahooks tangle with the lowly placed Pirates.

The Senior League Jaguars are slated to complete their first round games with an unblemished record as they come up against the Panthers, noted for their erratic play. To date the Jaguars have shown themselves to be of championship calibre as they hurdled one obstacle after another.

This outfit possesses the best pitching strength in the whole circuit, with speedball Vic Pedruco and mound ace Jack Brown smothering all attempts by the opposition to get on base.

### PLENTY OF RESERVE

There is also plenty of reserve in the receiving department of the batteries, with Harry Lee, Dicky Pereira and Chandu Pedruco standing in line for service.

It is an old maxim in softball that the strength of a team depends on the midway line, that is, in the catcher, pitcher, second baseman, shortstop and centre-fielder.

There is no doubt as to the soundness of the battery, and close-knit teamwork at the keystone is not lacking with the duo of Gussio Pereira and Tony Silva forming the backbone of "tank two" plays.

Strange as it may seem, Pereira had always been an outfielder until this year when he was given a berth in the windy alley to prove his worth, and he has lived up to mentor Barros' expectations.

### NOT MUCH OF A CHANCE

The Panthers, matched against this powerful machine, will not stand much of a chance, and the betting is whether they will be blanked or not. Frank Ealarte's Panther players try hard enough, perhaps too hard, and that is the reason why expensive batters committed at crucial moments become the rule rather than the exception.

If only the unit can settle down to relaxed play, cutting out those hasty throws, most of the runs scored against them could have been prevented.

The Canucks have three wins to their credit so far, but if these victories are analysed, two of them will be found to be close affairs against the Dodgers and Overseas, a far cry from the hustling champions of two years ago.

Bill Woo, holding the reins of the Maple Leaf outfit, has not yet produced a regular lineup in his six starts, thus losing that valuable item known as teamwork, which is so important to a team but not revealed in the individual's average.

Added to this is the fact that the hitters are not hitting this season, particularly cleanup batter A.H. Baker who averaged over 350 during the past four

seasons and is now wallowing in the ignominious .200 bracket.

Matched against a weak Reds squad, the Canucks should be able to notch up another triumph this week to keep their flag hopes flickering, but there's no telling what an underdog team may be capable of when stacked against overwhelming odds.

The Rexes v. Dragons tilt, which has been postponed twice, will take place tomorrow at noon when these two evenly matched teams will settle rivalry on the diamond.

For the past three years the Rexes have been casting faded orbs at the Ernie Hearther Shield, only to be nosed out at the finish by the Blackhawks and, being in a separate section of the Junior Loop this year, they are looking forward to meeting their perennial foes when reckoning time comes around.

Before reaching that stage, however, they must qualify in their own division, and master-minding Miskin Samy does not

intend to let any Dragon upset his applecart.

The Dragons, who were formerly the Overseas Junior squad, have several good players but were dogged by bad luck in the beginning of last season when they dropped two in a row before awakening from their lethargy to threaten and upset the top teams.

Manager Harry Louie will take charge of things personally in this important tilt by taking over hindsnatching duties himself.

Normally two Junior League games are scheduled to be played off on the one ground, in different areas, but in view of the importance of this game the Management Committee have decided to make this a lone tilt, thus obviating any unforeseen obstruction which may be caused during the play.

This scuffle has all the earmarks of a close game and a visit to King's Park will be well rewarded.

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

One more prewar ladies' hockey trophy has been unearthed. This is the Hongkong-Shanghai Interport Shield.

With a number of former Shanghai players (Recreo had eight of them in their team last Sunday) now in Hongkong, it should be possible for the series to be resumed this year.

Still missing are the Caer Clark Cup for the Senior Champions, the Brawn Cup for the Juniors and the Knill Cup for the Seven-a-side winners.

It is learnt that a new trophy to replace the Caer Clark Cup has been promised by a generous donor, an well as two more to replace the Brawn and Knill Cups.

In view of the impending departure to Australia of Mr A. E. P. Guest, Chairman of the Hockey Association for many years, who has done a great deal to promote this sport in Hongkong, it will not be a bad idea if a subscription list be passed around among local hockey enthusiasts for the purpose of purchasing a suitable trophy to be named after Mr Guest.

At the first Council Meeting of the Association this year, a Coaching committee was appointed to work up a scheme

for the coaching of schoolboys and young players.

So far it is learnt that not a single meeting of this Committee has been convened, and people like Lee Wal-long and A. V. Gosano, whose names were brought up at this meeting to serve as the coaches have so far not been consulted.

Isn't it high time that this Committee set to work, so that by next year or the year after, Hongkong may at least have a brand new team, who can at least last the 80 minutes or so of the play.

### "OBSERVER"

## Arthur Peall says: NEW RULE WILL BEAT SHOOKER CHEATERS

My diagram shows a nasty snooker trick, with only two reds left, a genuine shot set up a clever cover behind brown, on a red over right hand pocket.

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That doesn't suit the trickster, so he touches brown, goes four but stands to gain eight points.

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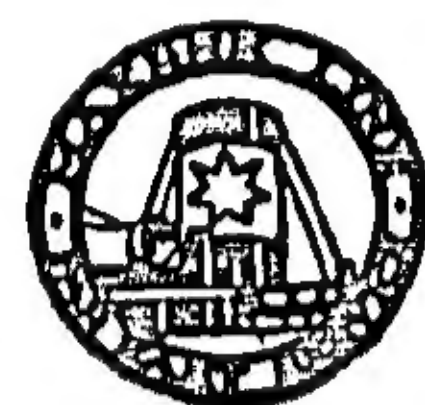
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"For heavens sake!—Do you  
want him to think you're  
scared?"

### GOLF

## Is It Big Money?

By HENRY  
LONGHURST

It seems strange that, while envious congratulations greet the lady who won in a football pool an amount equivalent almost to the net emoluments of one of His Majesty's judges for 50 years, people should raise pious eyebrows at the recent news of a man backing himself for £1,000 at golf.

Playing for money has been one of the spices—or curses—of golf since the game began. Why, even in 1766, the Council of the Honourable Company, then at Leith, were decreeing that "no match should be played for more than 100 merks on the day's play, or a guinea the round."

Hats off, I say, to the man who not only has £1,000, but back with it his own efforts rather than those of his fellow creatures, four-legged or otherwise. What, for instance, could be better than the challenge match which, strangely, escaped notice at a provincial club the other day?

Four of them were concerned, with handicaps of 2, 3, 5 and 10. Stimulated by some midnight refreshment, they made their match for the morrow. Two and Three to play. Five and Ten, level, one round for £1,000 against £300. Coming to the 17th, the big battalions were two down. In a silence needing no comment Three holed from five yards to keep the flag flying. He holed another on the 18th worth about £200 a foot to save the match, and four ashen warriors, trembling and mopping their brows, retired to the clubhouse to reflect on what might have been.

### BOOKIES ARE QUICK

Bookmakers, appropriately enough, have always been quick to back their fancy at golf. I shall not lightly forget the scene at a London club before the war, when several were present, and a challenge with a strong personal flavour was put out. "I'll have 150," said one instantly. "I'll have 75," said another, while a third picked up his ears, said, "I'll have a pony. Who's playing?" In a moment the total was £400—and their man won by 12 and 11.

As to whether some of the selling sweeps running in thousands and played on handicaps do not lead to a bit of this, that, and the other, I am not so sure. Indeed I am sure, for was I not present when a man came in, having gone round in 61 net and been beaten at the 19th, protesting to high heaven that his conqueror's handicap was, to put it politely, open to suspicion?

The cynic might observe that most of these events prove nothing more than the identity of the competitor whose handicap bears least relation to the truth. Nor is the temptation to the caddies, as interested parties, to be overlooked. Many is the tale of lost balls being miraculously found—via the trouser leg and a hole in the pocket.

Best of these tales perhaps was that of the late W. C. Carr who, on finding his ball deep in a divot mark at Walton Heath, observed to his caddie that it would be a "nice one to get in the Medal."

"You'd never 'ave 'ad it in the Medal," said the man darkly.

# Mrs Close Waits For Big News Of Her Little Lad

BY RHONA CHURCHILL

In a little grey council house on the hill above Leeds the mother of Brian Close sits waiting for the news that will make her the proudest, happiest mother in all Britain.

The good news she awaits and seems likely to receive very soon is that her boy has been chosen to play in the first of the current series of Test matches against Australia.

If he does he will be, at 19, the youngest lad ever to play for England against Australia.

Despite his good showing to date, Mrs Close, a cautious Yorkshire woman, refuses to consider her son "in the team" until she sees his name on the printed list.

### SLEEPLESS NIGHTS

That does not stop her from day-dreaming, or from having sleepless nights every time her plays in one of the big Australian matches.

She did that the night her Brian scored his unbeaten century (108 not out) in the MCC's recent match against Western Australia.

In the front parlour of her little home she told me about that night.

"I lay awake all night knowing he was playing his first big Australian match. I couldn't sleep. I worried," she said. "I seemed very near to him, and I kept praying, 'Please God help him play well.'"

"Then, a bit tired, I got the family's breakfast, saw them all off to work and school, and never thought to switch the wireless on for news of Brian."

"A neighbour called round to say how glad she was," I said. "Glad about what?" and she told me the wonderful news.

"Oh, God love him," I said, then it seemed to come on top of me and take the use out of me. I had to sit down. I'd been praying on and off all night, but I'd never expected anything like a century in his first big game there."

Mrs Close remembers when Brian first started practising fielding—with the family's provisions.

### CRAZY ON GAMES

He was crazy about ball games as soon as he could crawl. At three he could dribble a ball past his elder brother. He is second of a family of four boys and one girl.

By the time he could run errands it was almost useless to send him. Send Brian for

## Remarkable Belgian

Twenty-two-year-old Jan Snijders, flyweight champion of Belgium, who meets the world champion Terry Allen for the European flyweight championship at Nottingham on November 30, is a remarkable young man.

In addition to having a very elegant left hand, he's a fine cyclist and table tennis player, and he claims that he does three-quarters of his boxing training on a cycle. Perhaps the remainder in the gym. Perhaps that's one of the reasons why he has no weight troubles.

He'll be bringing over his own refrigerator with plenty of steaks, as well as his cycle. About his coming fight he says little, except that if he wins he wants a crack at Dado Marino, and that if necessary he'll cycle to Honolulu to get it. Mind your bike!

### SHOCKED THEM

Breakfast was rudely disturbed for every football manager who read the news that Len Shackleton, the forward for whom Sunderland paid £20,000 only two and a half seasons ago, was thinking of retiring from football to look after his ice-cream business.

Within a few hours, however, William Murray, Sunderland manager, said "Nonsense," and that was that.

This wasn't surprising as, if you reckon Shackleton is good for another ten years' football, he was throwing "overboard" about £9,000.

The average football manager's idea, of course, is, if football interferes with your business, give up your business.

a loaf of bread and it became a Rugger ball—something you rent sailing over the goalposts—and every handy tree became a goalpost. The fact that he invariably caught the loaf as it dropped behind the "goal-line" did not save it from partial disintegration.

Many a time Mrs Close would slip Brian two pence for a bus fare rather than have him walk. "It's cheaper that way," she would tell his father. It always was cheaper to let Brian ride if he had lost his ball, since otherwise he would be kicking a stone along the pavement. He was "something terrible" on shoe leather.

It was a standing joke that the window cleaner would find more "lost balls" in the gutters than dirt on the windows.

It was less amusing to be called upon to pay for the windows he broke. But Mrs Close was inclined to say "God love him" even then. For when he was eight his sports master had told her, "There is a great career in cricket for your son."

Two years later he was knocking up half-centuries for his school and winning benefits. The crowd paid 4s. 2d. the first time he had been found for him. He was ten.

A year later he was playing with 18-year-olds in the local

junior team. Too small to wear trousers, he went on in grey shorts. When the captain put him on to bowl Mrs Close heard a spectator say, "How don must be hard up for bowlers to put on such a little lad. Then she watched her little lad get six wickets for 10."

They lived near Hedley Verity at the time, and Verity was Brian's hero. The whole neighbourhood knew this, and the whole neighbourhood was stunned at the news of Verity's death.

Mr Swaine, the milkman, voiced the feelings of all when he patted young Brian on the shoulder and said, "It's up to you now, lad."

### IN HIS BLOOD

Mrs Close will tell you that, "of course, it's in the blood." Her dad played for Leeds League, and her husband and his father for Bradford.

Asked whether she is not a little nervous that such great success so young may spoil her son, Mrs Close shook her head. "Brian has been made a fuss of by local cricket fans since he was 11," she said.

"It never went to his head then and it won't now. He's a sensible lad, God love him, and he's got his head screwed on right."

## John Macadam's Column

## FORGIVE US THIS EMOTIONAL TEAR..

The tax-collector has never been regarded as a particularly good friend of ours any more than have any of the major pools companies whose dividends appear to this critical mind to go too often to ageing ladies "who have never done a coupon in their lives before."

Lest this appear to be the comment acrimonious, let us hasten to add that we have nothing but envy of the ageing ladies and little less than admiration for the cavalier generosity of the major pools companies.

Nor do we regard the tax man as any less than a fellow doing a difficult job, skilfully.

Nevertheless, we have both the pools boys and the tax boys mingled inextricably in the informations to hand that the pools boys in the larger reaches are in way of becoming collectors of taxes for the Government and see how they like that.

The fact is that current 30 percent taxation on pools revenue has eliminated from national competition more than 200 of the less-dividended pools and the big money is now concentrated on the major pools, who always wanted it that way, anyhow.

### TAX INCREASE?

Now the Government, to say nothing of the Football Association, has eyes inexorably fixed on this lavish pools money, and it would not be at all surprising to anybody in the business to find the tax at the next Budget increased to 50 percent.

Considering that the tax now brings in upwards of £14,000,000 a year, it is easy to see the added money at 50 percent taxation that would be grieved to a lot of official and unofficial mills.

And if the Government can get their dough thus without any rancorous legislation that would bring in the Sabbatarians and the anti-gamblers weaving their fiery swords around their heads—why, they can sit back and collect their money without as much as a by-your-leave.

Don't tell the promoters, but maybe any day now they'll be giving them peaked caps and buff forms.

### THEIR ARGUMENT

As a matter of fact the pools people are beginning to put themselves on a wide sociological basis. They argue this way: Before pools came in family groups tended to break up in mid-week and go their several ways—to cinemas, to pubs, to dogs, and points east, north, south.

Nowadays, they claim, almost any night is discussion night around the fireside and Thursday night is definitely filling-up night.

"So what we're doing for the British public," they say, with the light of benevolence shining out of their great, starry, honest eyes. "We are keeping families together around their own hearth."

Forgive us as we wipe away a salt, emotional tear. Some-how, we feel, Charlie Dickens should have been here to incorporate this social revolution in "The Christmas Carol."

One other point, unrelated to the foregoing, is that the Board of Control will not renew a boxing referee's licence after he is 35. This presupposes that boxing referees can

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